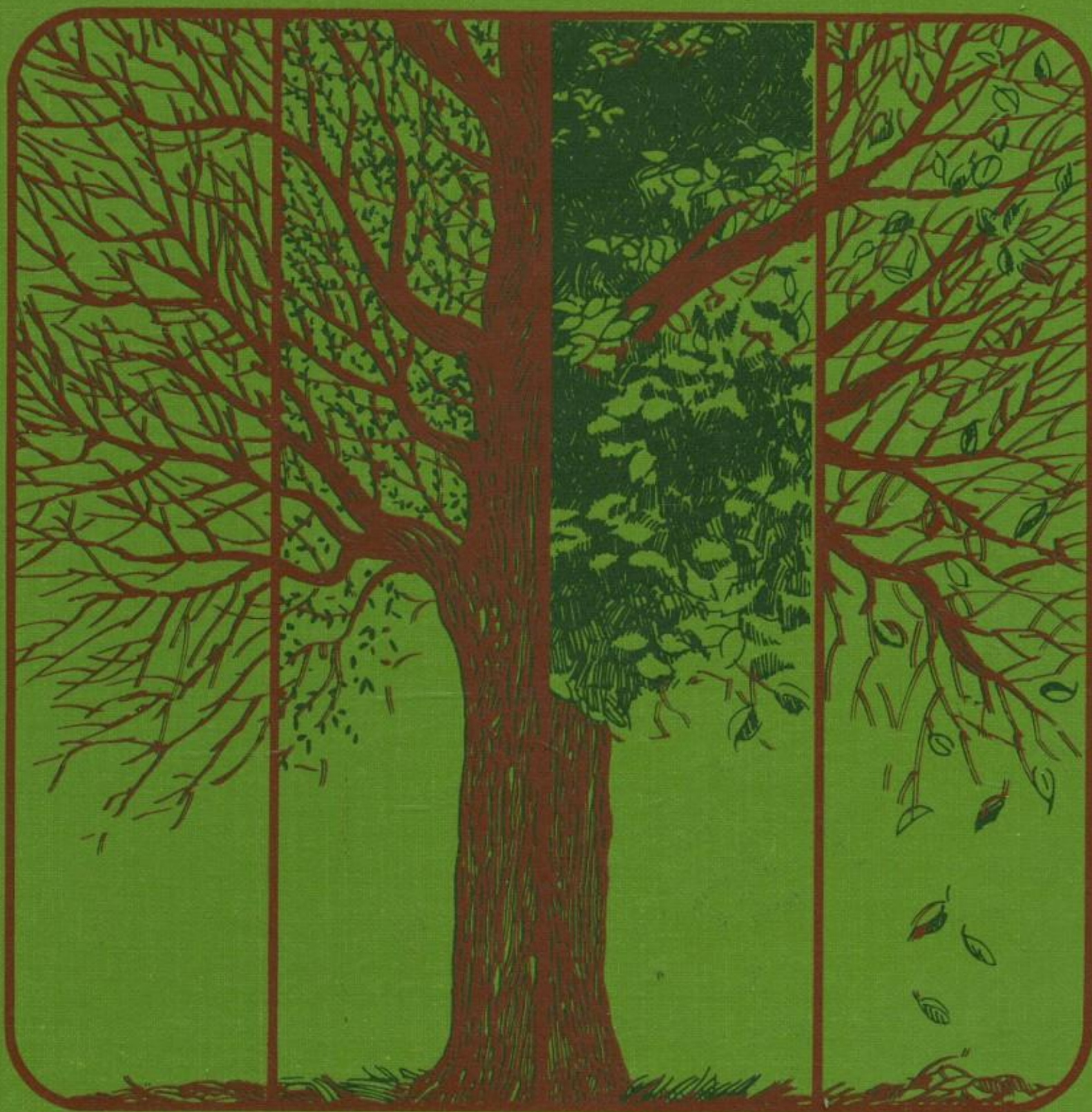



Emerald 1977



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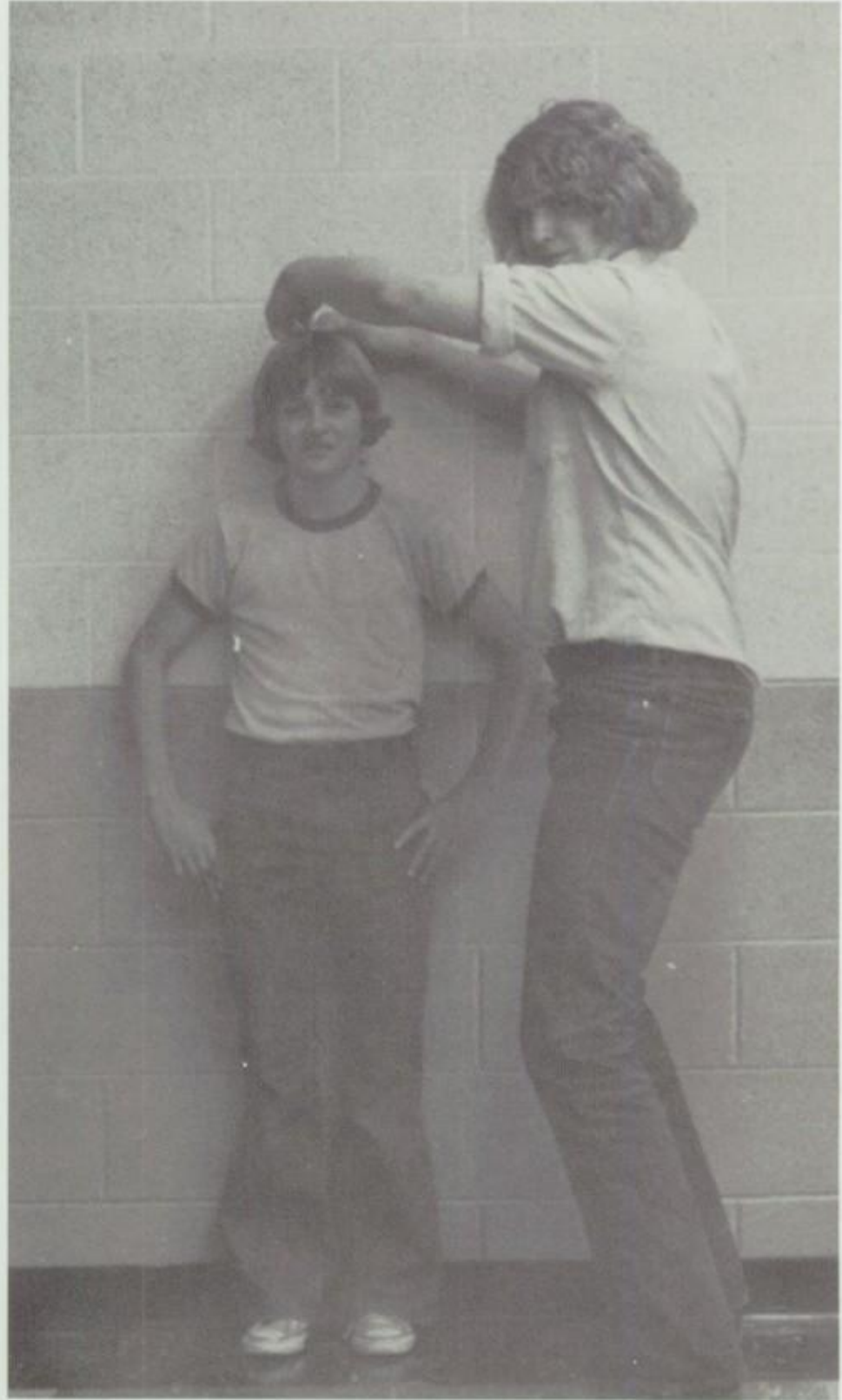
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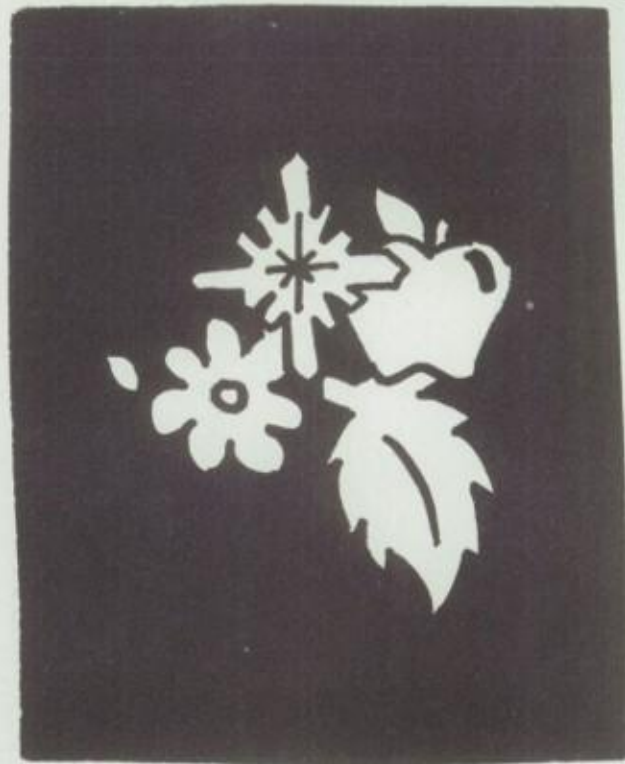
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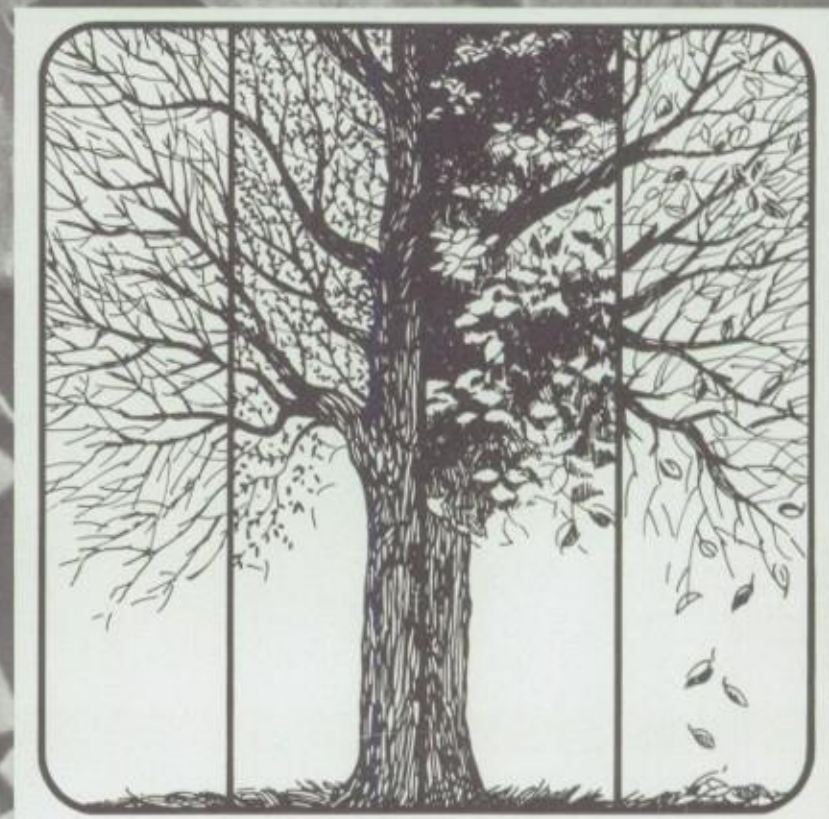
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A TIME TO NOTICE



May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind always be on your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your field,
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.





KNIGHTS FIGHT BACK

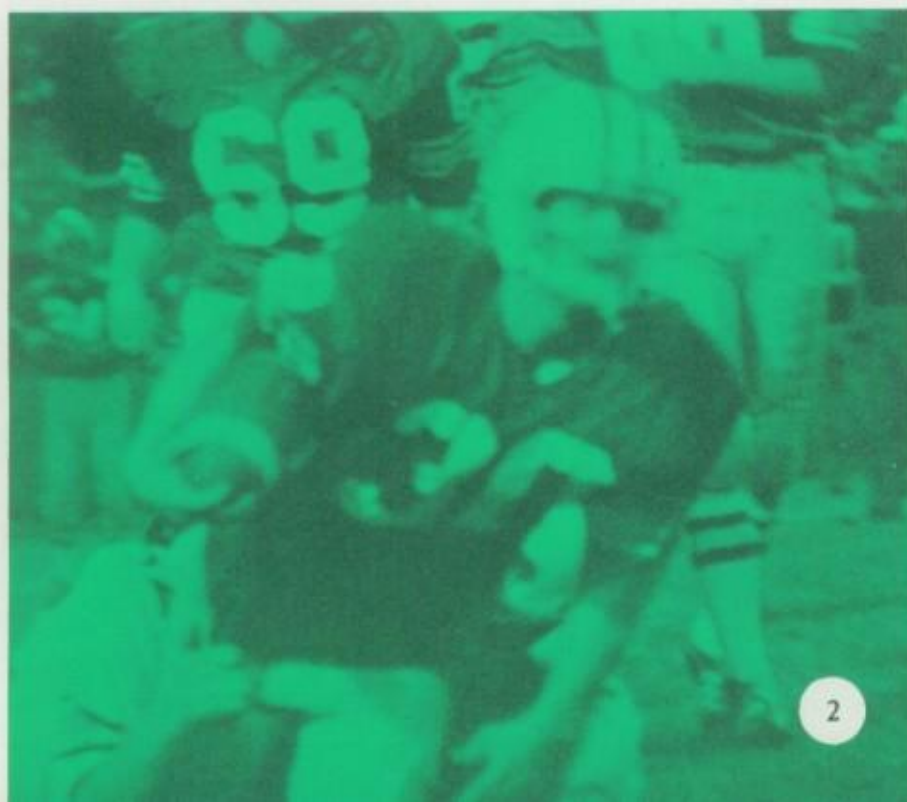
The 1976 Bergan Football team did itself proud in upholding the title of "Fighting Knights" under first year mentor Joe Vojtech. They never lacked spirit and kept the pressure on the opponent until they heard the final gun. The Knights won 5, lost 3, and tied 1 as a lot of underclassmen were initiated to start a strong base for future Knight teams.

Senior co-captains Mike Hoelsing and Dan Buresh along with the rest of the seniors set the example of picking your head up when things went wrong. They used the saying "when the going gets tough, the tough get going," to lift the moral of the team. The season ended at a climax with three straight victories, and the team regained the name of the "Fighting Knights."



SEASON SUMMARY RECORD 5-3-1

OPPONENT	SCORE
Boys Town	21-0
Omaha Paul VI	35-0
Omaha Holy Name	14-20
Wahoo Neumann	7-16
North Bend Central	7-12
Arlington	6-6
David City Aquinas	28-6
Omaha Cathedral	7-0
Logan View	16-0





OPPOSITE PAGE. 1. Mo Barton in a classic pout. 2. Mike Hoelsing struggles for yardage in a key play. ABOVE. 1. The Bergen Defense, which held their opponents to less than seven points per game, smothers a North Bend griddier. 2. 1st ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: M. Emanuel, D. Shendt, A. Cerny, T. Hegarty, M. Wiesen, J. Spieker. 2nd ROW: J. Widhelm, H. Morrissey, R. Brumm, D. Buresh, J. Jennings, K. Buresh, R. Beiermann, A. Sindelar. 3rd ROW: M. Howard, J. Pieper, R. Meister, J. Shanahan, M. Stastny, L. Stadola, J. Lauer, R. Pawley, P. Hegarty. 4th ROW: S. Kloewer, M. Svoboda, T. Hoelsing, D. Uhlik, S. Ward, L. Goebel, J. Sjuts, D. Stastny, D. Harms. 5th ROW: M. Hoelsing, M. Emanuel, C. Thomas, T. Barton, M. Walter, E. Wewel, J. Blowers, B. Meister. 6th ROW: W. Shacklett, T. Winchell, J. Vojtech, D. Perry.

J.V. GRIDDERS

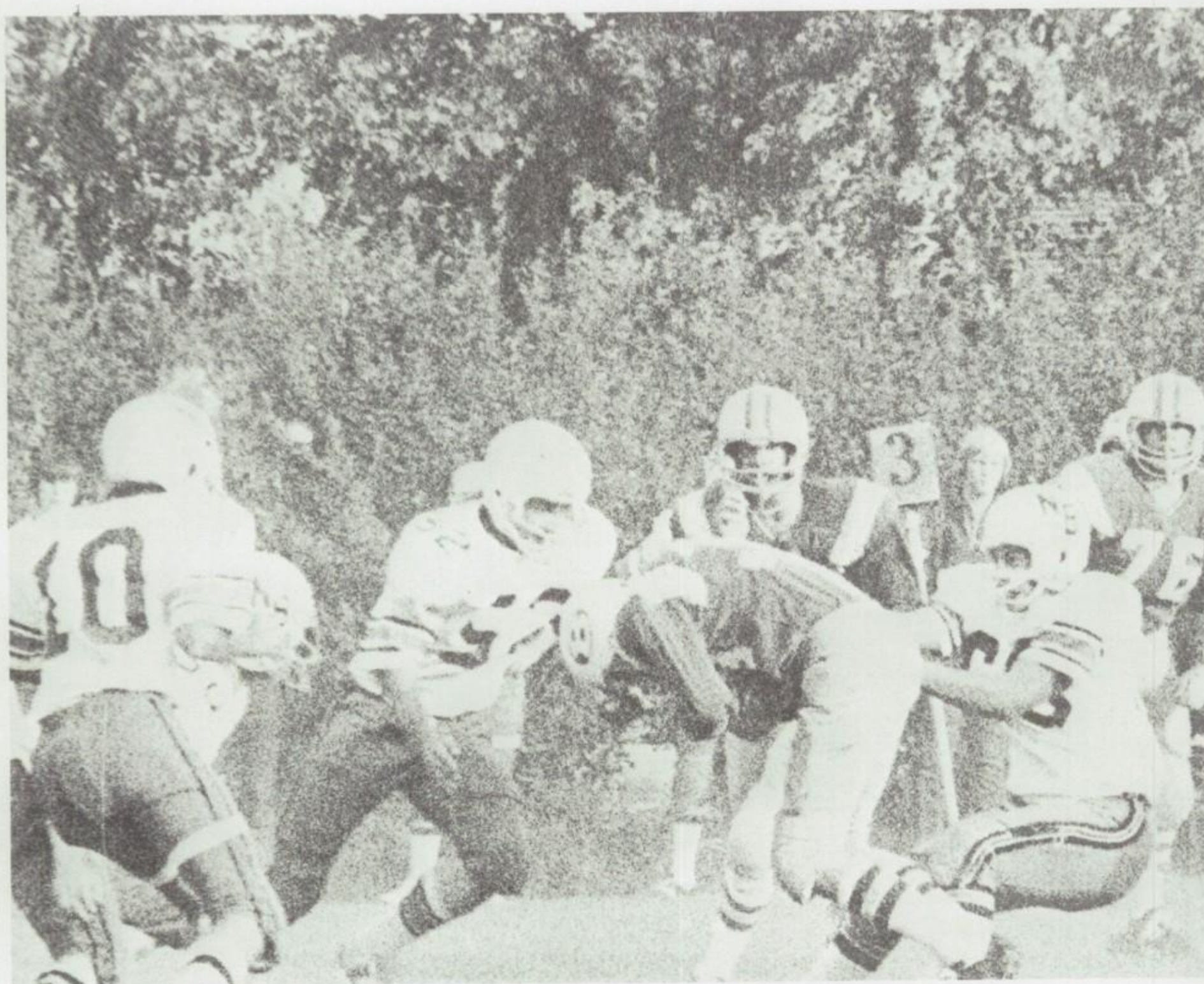
The Junior Varsity football team was only one touchdown away from having an undefeated season. With the record of 2-4-2, the J.V. team lost four of eight games by less than seven points. Extra points and bad breaks told the whole story according to coach Tom Winchell. Winchell added that most of the schools that the team played used all juniors and sophomores, while his team was mostly made up of sophomores, quite a few freshman and very few juniors.

Even though the season wasn't outstanding, the young Knights gained invaluable experience that will be needed throughout the coming seasons.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

2-4-2

Columbus Scotus	12-14
Arlington	31-34
West Point Central	
Catholic	14-13
Holy Name	6- 6
Paul VI	0- 0
Wahoo Neumann	13-14
North Bend Central	
Catholic	12-13
Cathedral	28- 6



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL 4-1-2

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

"Our practices went quick and precise," according to Dave Perry, mentor of the Freshman team. Coach Perry's gridders had a fine record of 4-1-2.

The young coach added, "the team was made up of a lot of fine individuals who throughout the season improved in every aspect of the game." He was especially proud of the fact that the whole team practiced together only one or two times a week.

Holy Name	26- 7
Blair	6- 6
West Point Central Catholic	13- 6
Columbus Scotus	6-34
North Bend Central Catholic	6- 6
Whhoo Neumann	21- 7
Mount Michael	19-14



1. Gary Wiesen gains yardage before being brought down by a tackle. 2. Freshman gridders FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT ARE Jim Mundy, Gary Wiesen, Stacy VanDyke, Jim Hrdlicka, Gregg Schmidt, Jeff Widhelm. 2ND ROW ARE Greg Macaluso, Pat Henggeler, Pat Hoelsing, Tim Krause, Chris Vance. 3RD ROW ARE Steve Kloewer and Dave Harms Student Managers, Dave Mendlik, Joe Recker, Mark Phiefer, Dave Barton, Mark Iossi, Randy Wallingford, Mark Maly, and Coach Dave Perry.

UNITY BRINGS YOUNG KNIGHTETTES TOGETHER

Unity was the main basis for the knights volleyball team. Many records were broken and goals achieved by this young team. Terri Mahlberg led the team by breaking records for perfect sets, perfect bumps, saves, and total points. Pat Conrad also broke the record of ace spikes and Deb Poehling the record of ace dinks. Many young players met the challenge of athletic competition by making the varsity team. For others, their goal was lettering or being selected for special awards.

Sue Breens varsity had ended up with a record of 8-9 and junior varsity 2-12. Joan Monaghans freshmen had ended up with a record of 1-10. All through their season they had achieved the unity they were searching for.



1. Debbie Poehling looks on as Terri Mahlberg returns a bump. 2. FRONT ROW: J. Costello, M. Munger. 2nd ROW: C. Wiebold, J. Henggeler, B. Cajka. BACK ROW: S. Breen, J. Thines, D. Uher, D. Reimers, L. Ort-mier, P. Sjuts.

BERGAN OPPONENT

Lost	North Bend
Won	Scribner
Lost	Elkhorn
Won	Cathedral H.S.
Lost	Neumann
Won	Howells
Lost	Paul VI
Lost	Blair
Won	Waterloo
Won	Scotus
Won	W.P.C.C.
Lost	Logan View
NCC Tourney	
Won	Scotus
Lost	Paul VI
Lost	Aquinas
Dist. Tourney	
Won	E. Butler
Lost	Aquinas

Season Record: Varsity 8-9, J. Varsity 2-12, Freshman, 1-10

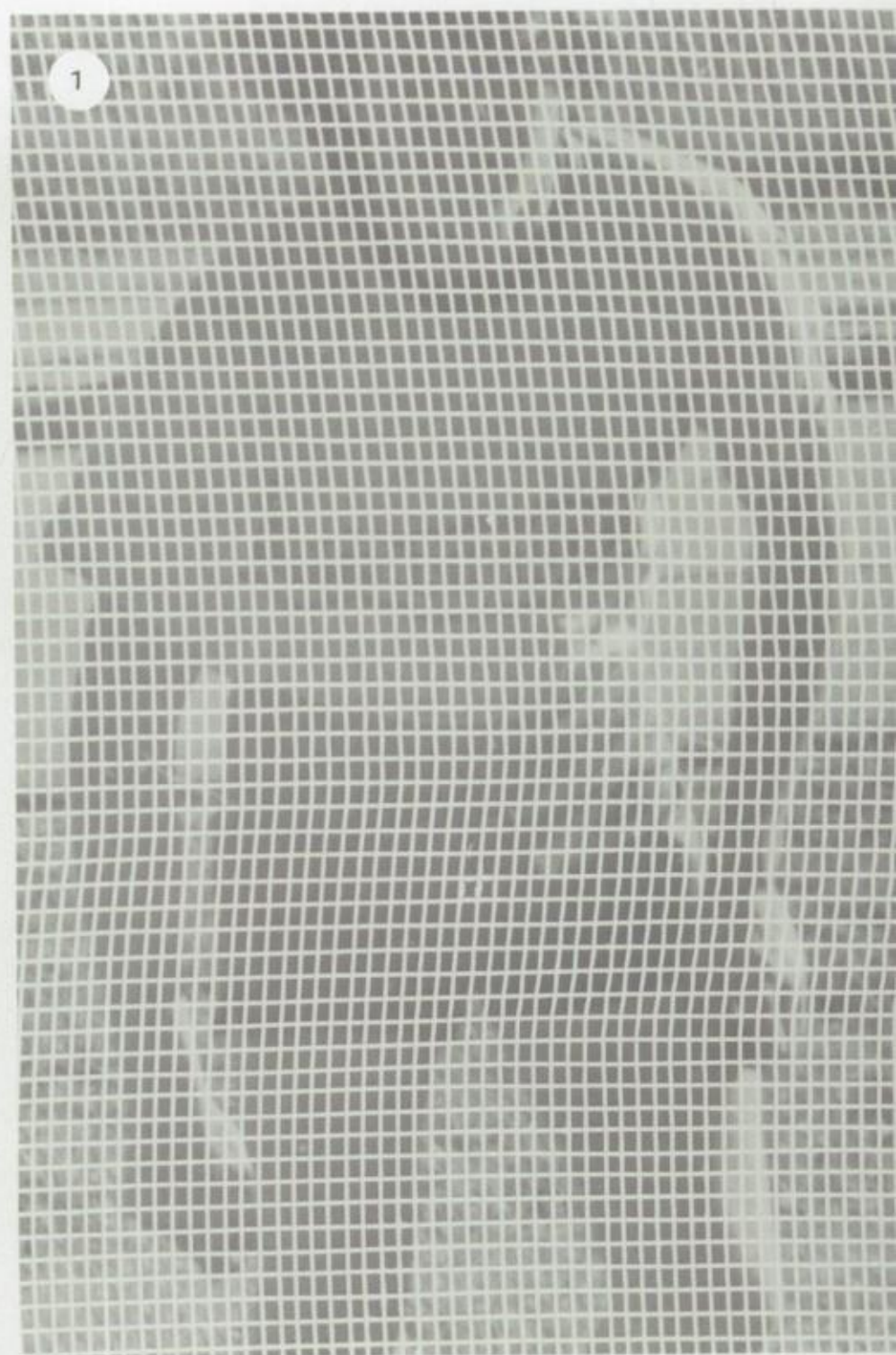


(1) ROW 1 L. TO R. - C. Reimers ROW 2 L. TO R. P. Ortmeir ROW 3 L. TO R. M. McGrath, L. Hegemann, N. Cerny, M. Melcher, ROW 4 L. TO R. Miss Monaghan, K. Sherlock, T. Leise, P. Karman, S. Hartmann, J. Emanuel, B. Pawlusiak. (2) ROW L. TO R. J. Henggler, T. Piskorski, ROW 2 L. TO R. D. Hegeman, S. Sjostrom, P. Conrad T. Leise, D. Rabe ROW 3 L. TO R. D. Poehling, K. Ropp, K. Evert R. Beiermann, S. Breen, ROW 4 L. TO R. J. Monaghan, T. Malberg, K. Wallingford.

HARRIERS MISS BY ONE

Only one man away from going to state! This predicament faced the Bergan's cross country team this season. Even though they didn't quite make it to state, they were conference champions this year. The team proved their power and competitive spirit in the invitationals. Coach Kluthe commented that the top runner, Pat McMullen ended his career by being second to Pat Foy in total career points.

Sophomore Marv Renter was the center of attention throughout the season. Marv scored more points than any sophomore in Bergans History. Because of his accomplishments this year, he is now in the Top 10 for total career points. Bergans cross country had a powerful season this year, but with 6 returning underclassmen, next year looks even better.



1. Alvin Bendig prepares himself for another grueling cross-country meet.
2. Coach Phil Kluthe shows Dale Mundy the layout of which he is going to attempt to run.

OPPOSITE PAGE

1. Pat Steiner paces himself as he sees the finish line in the distance.
2. Marvin Renter shows perfect form, notice how you get your mouth into it.
3. Cross-country team LEFT TO RIGHT; Coach Phil Kluthe, Dale Mundy, Marvin Renter, Paul Spieker, Alvin Bendig, Greg Chapman, Pat McMullen, Pat Steiner, and Jeff Steiner.

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MIRACLES IN THE "KNIGHT"

Spirit Week not only brought enjoyment to the football team, but to the school as a whole. Everyday a special activity was planned. These ranged from candidate dress-up day to the ever popular cake day when all the football team ate cake to their heart's content.

All these crazy events led up to the Homecoming festivities. Bergan went on to shut out the Cathedral Cardinals 7-0, in a ferocious, action packed contest. After the game the Students, Alumni, and Teachers danced to the music of Freestone South. All in all it was a fulfilling experience for everyone.



1) The Juniors exhibit their dancing ability at the Homecoming Dance.

2) Now all we need is the people.

4) "The Thrill of Victory .."

3) "The agony of defeat."



1. The king, queen, and attendants smile for the crowd as they await the coronation. 2. King Pat Hegarty and queen Lori Rabe prepare to begin the traditional royalty dance. 3. Mary Beth Renter and Mike Hoelsing display their happiness. 4. Other attendants Debbie Steiner and Dan Buresh enjoy being the center of attention.



STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO FRAMEWORK OF SCHOOL

The fall term began with many changes in students activities. Starting with the adoption of a student council. The purpose of the sixteen member council is to bring students' feelings and ideas into the framework of the school.

In an attempt to provide more individual counseling an adviser/advisee program was installed in the fall. Homerooms were intergrated with students from all grades, and the homeroom teacher acts as an advisor for those students.





OPPOSITE PAGE - 1. Father Brown celebrates a mass in honor of Martin Luther King. 2. Steve Harris is pretty happy about performing a pantomime presentation. 3. The band warms up before the big game. 1. Varsity Cheerleaders (LEFT TO RIGHT) - Leann Rounph, Sue Stoltenberg, Debbie Steiner, Terri Rabe, Jodi Shanahan, and Lori Rabe. 2. Seniors Kurt Holm, Ray Pawley, and John Kelly have got a case of the munchies.

A YEAR OF CHANGE

With idea of religious growth in mind, the religion department introduced the pray mod. Each day a special mod was set aside for a short prayer service in the newly redecorated chapel. The location for all retreats was changed to Camp Fontenelle, with the senior being the first to attend. The soon to be graduates experienced a sense of personal growth and togetherness in the two days they spent way from the everyday routine at school, work, and home.

A series of assemblies provided variety and change from the ordinary school day. The school recognized National Newspaper week by bringing in Bob Bruce from Channel 6 TV, who spoke about how to succeed by being original and individual. The students also witnessed imaginative mind of Steve Harris in mime and a family of acrobats from Belfium.

An overnight workshop in Topeka, Kansas provided the Yearbook staff with an opportunity to tour Josten's Plant, where the yearbook is published, and new insights into creative techniques.

The Band in their uniforms, and the Pep-Club in their outfits added encouragement and excitement to the athletes throughout the year.





1. OPPOSITE PAGE Drill team members Kay Evert, Debbie Reimers, and Becky Miller perform to "Sonndr or Later." 2. While at Topeka, Kansas, the yearbook staff is instructed how to make the yearbook the best it can be. Aaaaaaay 3. The reserve cheerleaders, Julie Muro, Beth Pawley, Jill Henggeler, Tammy Piskorski, and Denise Rabe try to act cool!

1. UPPER-TOP The seniors take an imaginary bus ride on senior retreat to who knows where! 2. Bob Bruce enchants his audience with his charm, personality, and looks! 3. Senior, Joe Sjuts assists at a Mass held in the gym.

BABIES MUST PLAY

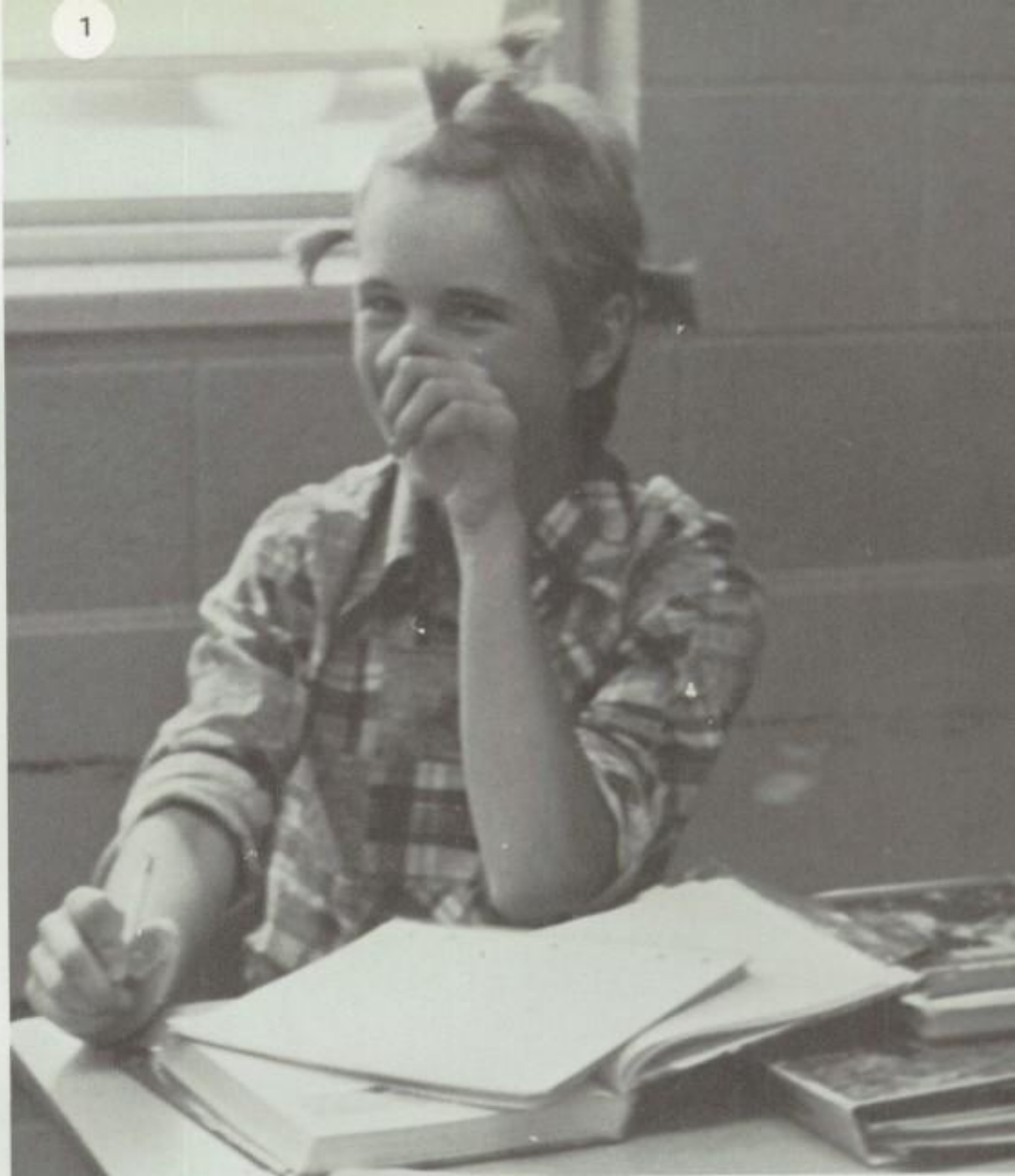
Early this fall, the freshmen reluctantly entertained the Bergen student body for the annual welcome.

Instead of trying to jam all of the thrills and excitement of the traditional Freshman Welcome into one night, the seniors chose to help Bergans new babies adjust for a whole week. Thus, the class of '77" hoped to make the newcomers feel wanted.

To start off the week an assembly was held for the freshmen to show off their coordination and uncoordination in the fine art of dancing. The rest of the week was filled with all kinds of fun pranks. One day there was a case of mistaken identity when the freshman boys were dressed as girls. Another day the freshman girls were forced to suffer by going a whole day without makeup. Those girls who preferred not to participate, pretended to be football players the next day.

On the final day the Seniors brought awkward objects for the new class to carry throughout the day.

Those who survived the five long days are now known as, Bergen Knights.



1. Kris Sherlock sports the new look in hairstyles. 2. Pat Hoelsing poses for the camera during his hot dance with Maureen McGrath. 3. Baby Freshman pair up for the dance. They are Julie Grossrode, Jeff Good, Randy Goebel, and Nola Doksansky.

Dave Barton
Kevin Benne
Peggy Boggy
Nancy Brugh
Nadine Cemy



Kelly Chamberlain
Nola Doksansky
Mary Drahota
Joan Emanuel
Brenda Evert



Randy Goebel
Jeff Good
Lauri Greser
Julie Grossrode
Cindy Hanken



David Harms
Sheryl Hartman
Lori Hegemann

Freshman Officers: Dave
Mendlik, Nola Doksansky,
Dave Harms, and Julie Grossrode.



1. Cindy Reimers and Joan Emanuel think their new pep-club outfits are sooo exciting! 2. Freshmen boys are seriously indulged in their work (or play?) 3. Freshmen was, Ruth Schneiders, Kris Stover, Tammi Steffen, and Theresa Thomas seem to be goofing off, as usual.

Pat Henggeler
Pat Hoelsing
Mike Howard
Jim Hrdlicka
Mark Iossi



Linda Jaworski
Tim Jom
Tami Leise
Susan Liester
Patti Karmann



Steve Kloewer
Lori Kluthe
Tim Krause
Tony Korth
Scott Macaluso





1. Three freshmen brains (ha ha), Pat Hoelsing, Randy Wallingford, and Jim Hrdlicka ponder over a tough math problem.



Mark Maly
Maureen McGrath
Mary Melcher
Dave Mendlik
Matt Micek



Bev Miller
Jim Mundy
Theresa Neuenfeldt
Pam Ortmeier
Barb Pawlusiak



Mary Peatrowski
Mark Pfiefer
Joe Recker
Cindy Reimers
Ruth Schneiders



Gregg Schmidt
Kris Sherlock
Mary Showers
Peggy Sjuts
Joan Smith



Robert Smithhissler
Paul Spieker
Carol Stastny
Tammy Steffen
Kristi Stover



Dale Tharp
Theresa Thomas
Chris Vance
Stacy VanDyke
Charlene Vecchi



Randy Wallingford
Jeff Widhelm
Gary Wiesen



Freshmen, Mark Iossi, and Robert Smithhisler exchange answers on a test while Dave Mendlik keeps his eye open for the teacher.



In the midst of winter,
I finally learned
that there was in me
an invincible summer.





NEXT YEAR'S THE YEAR

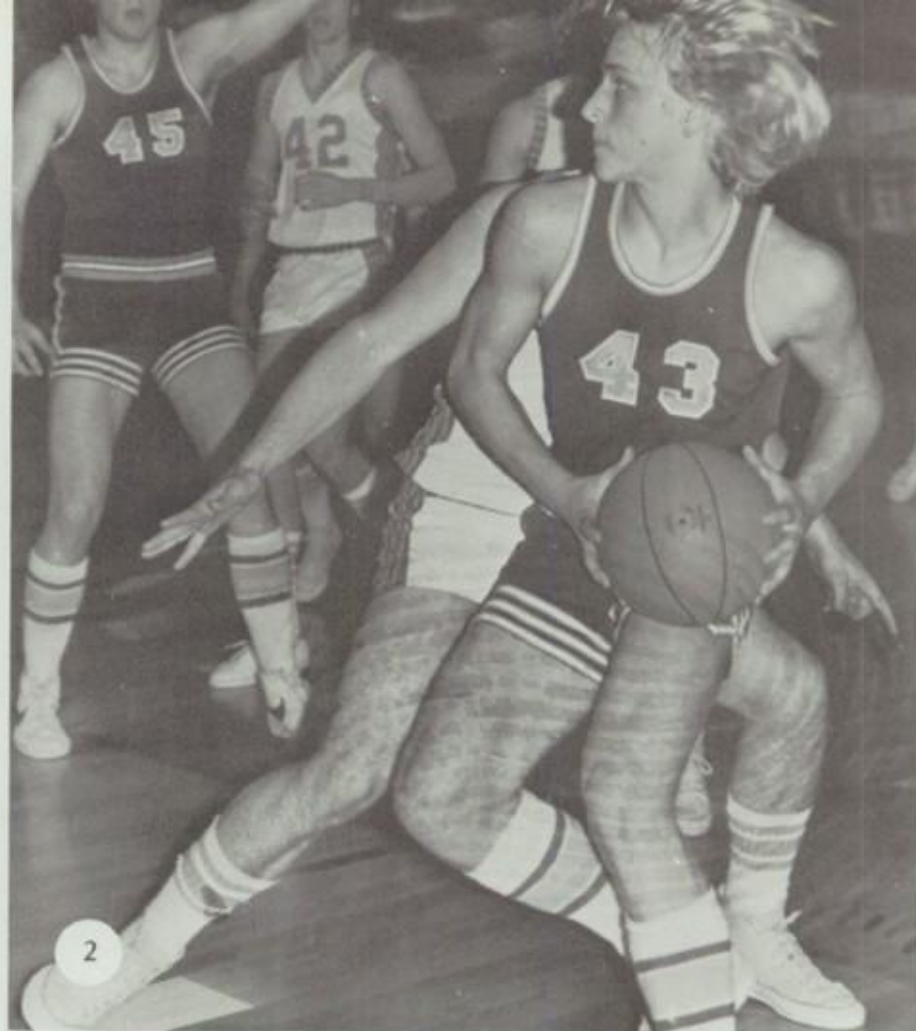
The support of an arousing crowd helped carry the young varsity basketball team this year. Although the season record was not too impressive (4-15), the experience gained was invaluable. Throughout the year Bergan sported a team of five outstanding underclassmen.

The highlight of the season was winning the Waterloo Holiday Tournament Championship. The knights defeated 2 teams in the tournament; Mead, and Waterloo.

Bruce Meister had an especially new record for high points gained by a sophomore in a varsity game.

Coach Kluthe ended the year with a very optimistic attitude saying "Next Year's the Year."





1. Senior Co-Captain Tom Barton outstretches team mate Marty Emanuel and two Bluejay defenders for a two-point tip in. 2. Junior Randy Meister eyes team mate Gary Maly under the basket. 3. Sophomore Bruce Meister exercises perfect form in his jump-shot. OPPOSITE PAGE -- 1. Bruce Meister "gives it all he's got," while Gary Maly awaits the outcome. 2. Varsity basketball team--(BACK ROW) T. Hegarty, R. Brumm, J. Sjuts, R. Meister, B. Meister, G. Maly, E. Wewel, C. Thomas, M. Emanuel, D. Buresh and P. Hegarty. (FRONT ROW) Head coach, Phil Kluthe, co-captains, J. Pieper, T. Barton, and assistant Coach J. Wojkiewicz.



RESERVE AND FRESHMEN TEAMS SHOW PROMISE

The young reserve Knights gained valuable experience through achieving an 8-7 record. Sporting a line up of nearly all sophmores and coached by first year mentor Joe Wojkiewicz, the these young Knights will prove to be excellent in the up coming seasons.

Bergan is very proud to have the strong Freshmen team that proved its grace and balance by

winning the Freshmen Conference Tournament. Their 13-4 record showed that they are one of the better teams that the "Mighty Knight" fans may ever see.

LEFT TO RIGHT 1. Coach Winchell, D. Tharp, M. Iossi, J. Recker, T. Korth, M. Maly, M. Mendlik, D. Barton, J. Pfiefer, T. Krause, G. Wiesen. 2. Coach Wojkiewicz, G. Lauer, J. Blowers, C. Thomas, E. Wewel, M. Emanuel, M. Renter, K. Buresh, D. Schendt, T. Hegarty.



KNIGHTETTES COME ALIVE

The Bergan girls basketball team came alive throughout the 1976-77 basketball season.

The young team consisting of five underclassmen starters learned from their mistakes to enter into districts strong and high spirited. The young Knightettes were not rated highly before entering the tournament, but disregarding any speculation went on to capture the district title. Thier ownly regret was losing regionals, but next year they plan on going all the way. They ended their season with a 7-10 record.

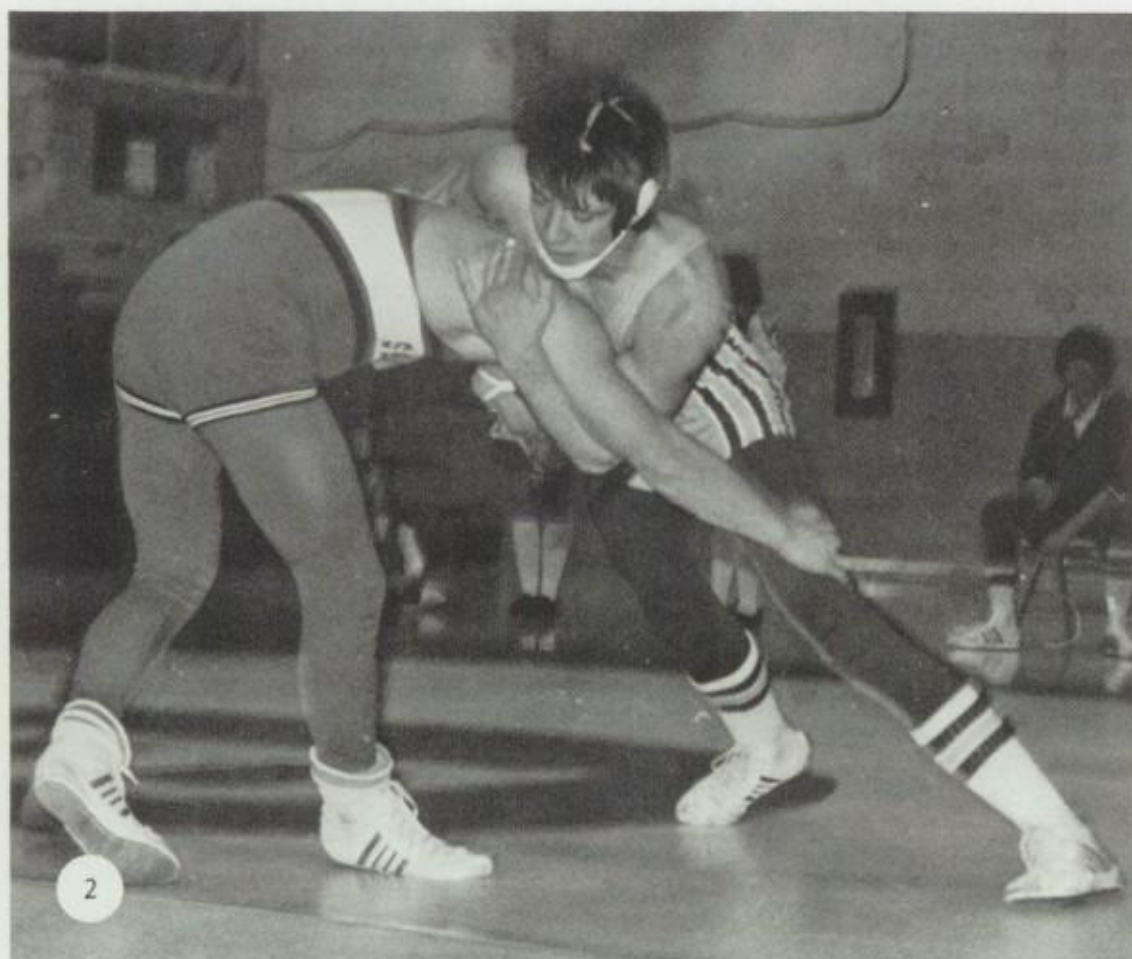


1. Tammy Piskorski has a new strategy against the offense. 2. Coach Breen experiences a tense moment in the huddle. 3. LEFT TO RIGHT Joan Emanuel, Nola Doksanky, Pat Conrad, Tammy Piskorski, Denise Rabe, Barb Cajka, Peggy Sjuts, Laurie Hegemann, Tami Leise. FRONT Coach Sue Breen.

NEW COACH SPARKS GRAPPLERS

Under first year coach Dave Perry, the Bergan grapplers compiled a record of 5-6. With 14 lettermen coming back, the team has great hope for the future. Led by the Senior tri-captains Arnie Cerny, Scott Ward, and Del Uhlik, the Conference crown was captured for the 3rd year in a row. Conference champions for Bergan were Gregg Schmidt, Harley Morrissey, and Del Uhlik.

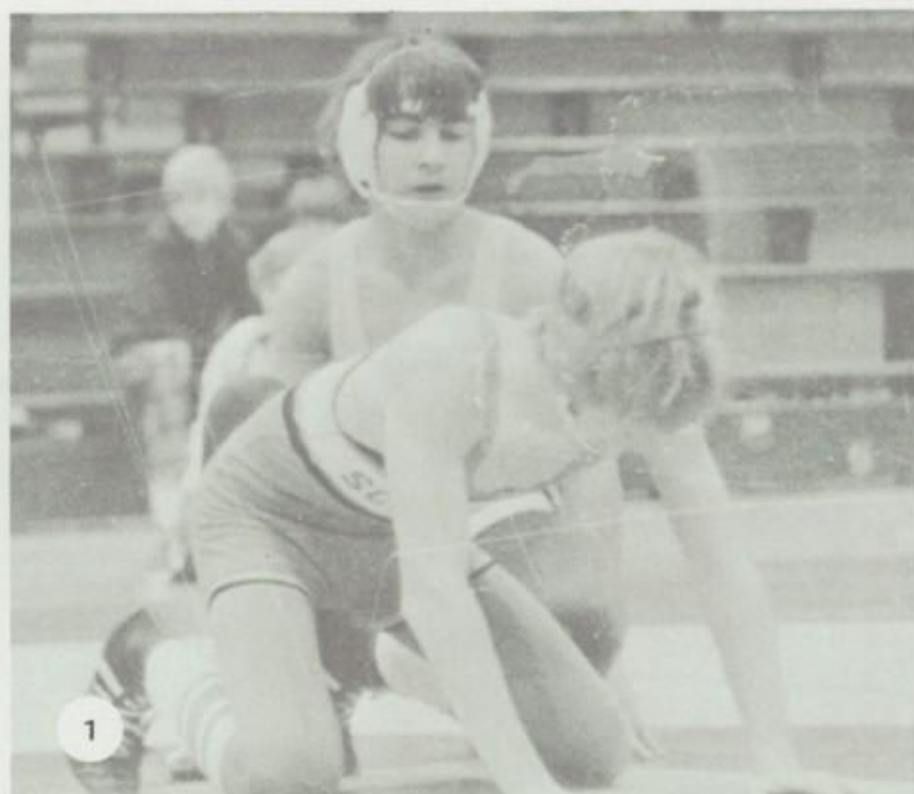
Juniors Al Hegemann, Pat Steiner and Sophomore Harley Morrissey traveled to the state wrestling meet this year. The team found the state meet an exciting experience and are determined to have more entered next year.



Wrestling Scores

Bergan-37	vs.	David City Aquinas-24
Bergan-34	vs.	Valley-21
Bergan-35	vs.	Omaha Cathedral-18
Bergan-24	vs.	Scribner-37
Bergan-18	vs.	Pius X-31
Bergan-39	vs.	Holy Name-18
Bergan-18	vs.	Arlington-50
Bergan-24	vs.	Paul VI-25
Bergan-19	vs.	North Bend-42
Bergan-12	vs.	Logan View-34
Bergan-25	vs.	Columbus-38
NCC -- Champions		
State Qualifier		
Pat Steiner		4th
Harley Morrissey		4th
Al Hegemann		4th

1. Bergan wrestlers and Coach Perry give words of encouragement to their teammate on the mat. 2. Bill Schuler is about to make a move on his opponent.



1. Jim Hrdlicka looks for a place to grip his opponent. 2. Wrestling team -- FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) Gregg Schmidt, Stacy VanDyke, Pat Steiner, Jim Hrdlicka, Mike Howard, Jim Mundy. MIDDLE ROW, Jeff Widhelm, Harley Morrissey, Gary Moser, Arnie Cerny, Randy Beiermann, Mike Wiesen, Chris Vance. TOP ROW, Coach Dave Perry, Allen Hegeman, Scott Ward, John Widhelm, Bill Schuler.



LI'L ABNER MAKES A HIT!

Through much hard work and effort the third annual Dinner Theater was performed. Co-directors Ms. Jan Bagley and Mr. Gregg Learned worked together to help make the Bergen High School production of "Li'l Abner" a big success. The entire cast portrayed their parts superbly. Stars Del Uhlik and Patty Sjuts did an excellent job performing the lead roles of Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae.

The profits from the play went towards equipment for the Drama and Music Departments.





1. OPPOSITE PAGE Stupifying Jones (Sue Stoltenberg) stuns the folks of Dogpatch. 2. Abner (Del Uhlik) and Daisy Mae (Patty Sjuts) go at it. 3. Mike Hoelsing flexes his muscles and dreams of being Mr. America.
1. Appassionatta (Sue Hanken) makes a move on General Bullmoose (Mike Reznicek) as Senator Jack S. Fogbound (Bob Bogenreif) looks on. 2. A senile old lady (Lori Ortmeier) struts by as Li'l Abner (Del Uhlik) rests on the porch. 3. A dogpatcher (Janet Tines) swoons as she sees Earthquake Magoon.

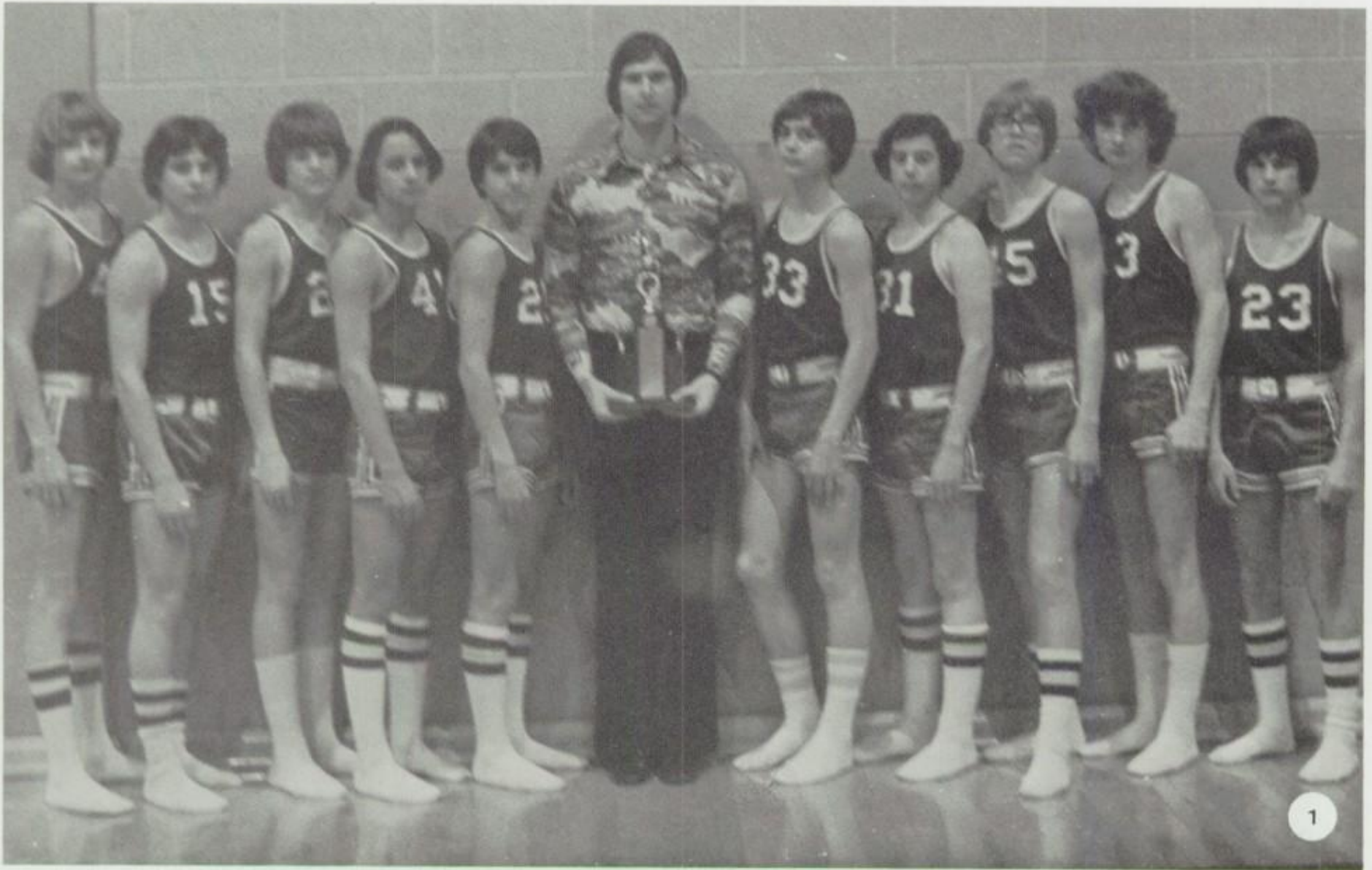


GIRLS AND BOYS ATHLETIC CLUBS GROW

Both GAB and "B" Club have grown considerably this year. This could be a strong indication of the growth in participation of sports. As shown in the example set by the Freshman boys basketball team, we all have the potential to be winners and we all can reach that goal.

Spirit is an essential part of reaching a certain goal and that's exactly what the wrestling cheerleaders showed us this year. Proving to be energetic they led the wrestling team through the season and three anxious young men to the state tournament.





OPPOSITE PAGE: 1 Wrestling Cheerleaders, TOP: Sandy Hoelsing, Mary Mruz, BOTTOM: Kathy Warne, and Janet Tines. 2. The Bergan B-Club, TOP: LEFT-TO-RIGHT: Coach Kluthe, T. Hoelsing, A. Hege-
mann, C. Thomas, T. Barton, R. Meister, J. Shanahan. 2ND ROW: M. Svoboda, G. Lauer, J. Sjuts, J.
Kelly, M. Stastny, S. Ward, J. Jennings. 3RD ROW: P. Steiner, D. Uhlik, M. Wiesen, R. Brumm, T.
Hegarty, H. Morrissey. 4TH ROW: D. Buresh, M. Hoelsing, and A. Cerny. 1. Freshmen basketball team,
LEFT-TO-RIGHT: Dale Tharp, Dave Mendlik, Mark Maly, Dave Barton, Mark Phiefer, Coach Winch-
ell, Tony Korth, Tim Krause, Joe Recker, Mark Iossi and Gary Wiesen. (Not pictured-Pat Henggeler.)
2. GAB Officers, Vice-president Mary Mruz, president Terri Mahlberg, and secretary-treasurer Janet
Tines.

EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH

During the 1976-77 school year we have been provided with many exciting assemblies. One of the best was a yoga demonstration by Mr. Ed Schetter who showed the students his amazing flexibility.

However, the assemblies weren't the only activities that produced enthusiasm. Devoted pep-club officers saw to it that spirit was kept high during the football, wrestling, and basketball seasons.

Pep rallies were just one of the many activities on which spirit and dedication were displayed. Skits proved to be the highlight of the pep rallies.

Bergan games were occasionally visited by King Kong, alias Gerry Lauer.

This year, as in past years, the Bergan tradition still stood. The pride for our school and community was shown through our participation in activities.



Bruce Meister and Mike Hoelsing, demonstrate their strength and determination at the yoga assembly.
2. Pep club officers FROM LEFT are Chris Wiebold, Mary Beth Renter, Judy Tlamka and Jean Haun.
3. Coaches' Dave Perry and Joe Wojtkiewicz express their delight at having a chance to make a fool of Mr. Kluthe at a pep rally.



1. Ed Schetter shows his flexibility during a yoga demonstration.
2. The school ape, Gerry Lauer roams through the halls.



1. Loser (Jim Jennings) tells how it's done to Winner (Diane Goebel). 2. Kathy Thomas receives her diploma from Fr. Raus and Mr. Paul Meister, President of School Board, at Mid-Term Graduation. 4. Compassion (Judy Zimola) tries to help Bob (Paul Buresh) in making the right decisions.



Alvin Bendig
Randy Beiermann
Sue Brown
Jim Blowers
Keith Buresh



Bob Bussey
Barb Cajka
Mary Chamberlain
Barb Chesier
Pat Conrad



Jennifer Costello
Mark Emanuel
Dennis Dvorak
Jaque Hanzel
Diane Goebel



SOPHOMORES



1. Bob Bussey and John Spieker clown around after school.
2. Sophomore Jeff Steiner is caught rushing into school at the last bell.





Donna Hartmann
Jill Henggeler
Julie Henggeler
Gerry Lauer
Annette Matteo



Kelly McVay
Bruce Meister
Harley Morrissey
Tom Muhle
Mary Munger



Julie Muro
Lori Ortmeier
Beth Pawley
Tammy Piskorski
Denise Rabe



1. The sophomore class officers are FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Jill Henggeler, Keith Buresh, John Spieker, and Larry Reznicek. 2. Mark Emanuel watches as Bob Bussey threatens Gerry Lauer, who seems unconcerned.

Marvin Renter
Debbie Reimers
Larry Reznicek
John Saunders
Dave Schendt



Allen Sindelar
Patty Sjuts
Joe Smithhisler
Gary Spenner
John Spieker



Jeff Steiner
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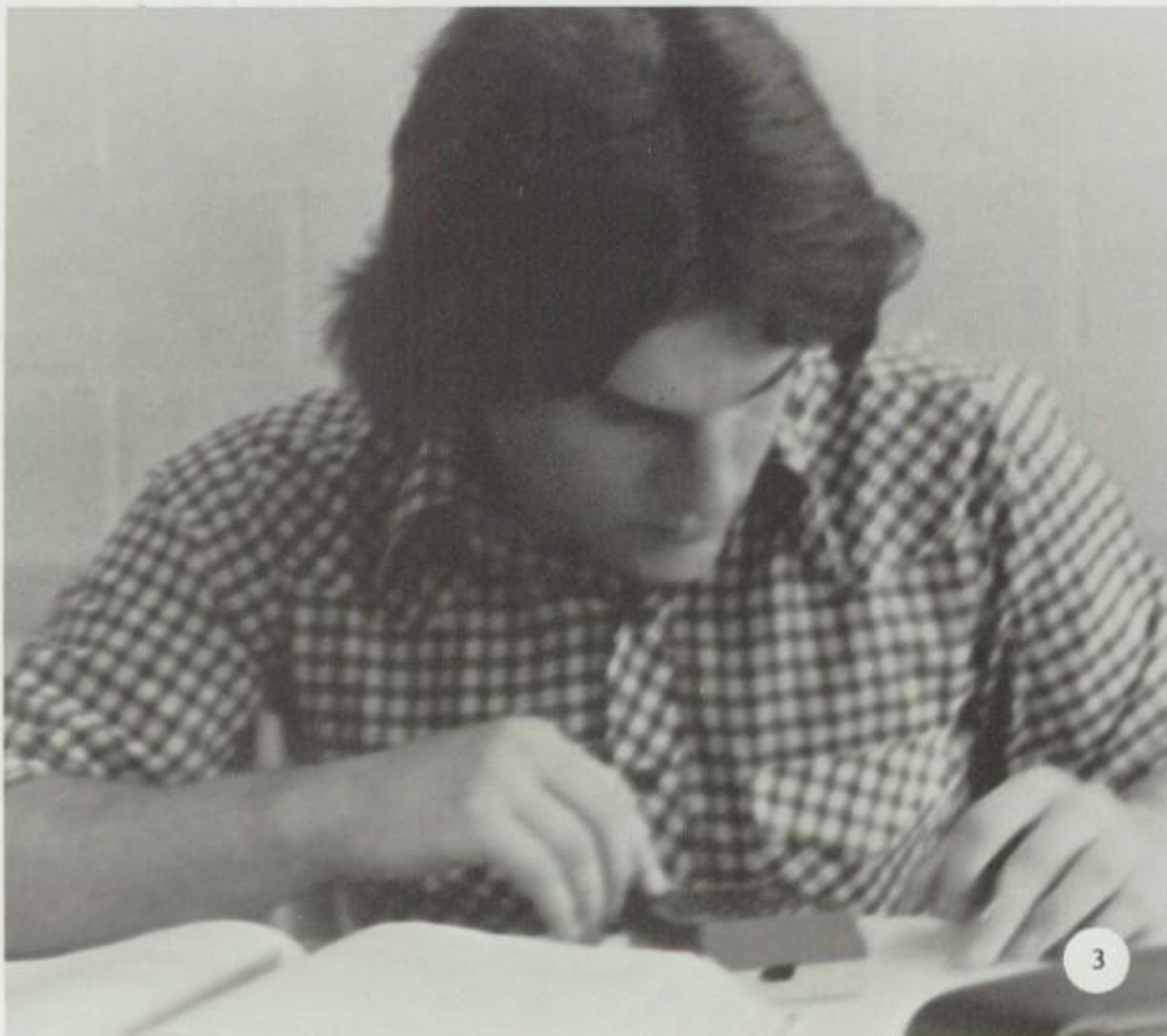


Ed Wewel
John Widhelm
Chris Wiebold
Mike Wieson
Mary Woita



Tammy Piskorski and
Tami Leise involved
in a strange discussion
about necks.





1. After working hard all day, Joan Getzfrid shows how lady-like she really is. 2. Larry Reznicek defies gravity by walking upside down. 3. Scott Ward acting like he's working on accounting. 4. The Senior boys show how mature they are.

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED.





TOP TWO SCORERS WIN STATE

The boy's track team got to the point of things this year by showing their sharp abilities in many areas. Five records were set, including two at the state meet. These state records were set by Mike Hoelsing in the mile, and Craig Thomas in the 440 yard dash. Bergan finished 6th as a team at the state meet.

Captain, Mike Hoelsing and Craig Thomas led the Knights through the season by being the top two scorers. Many of the tracksters seem to have a promising future in upcoming seasons.

Other records which were set, were in the mile-medley-relay, (Craig Thomas, Mark Svoboda, Mike Wiesen, and Mike Hoelsing), the indoor 300 yd. dash, Craig Thomas; the indoor 440 yd. dash, Craig Thomas. With the talent from this year, Bergan coaches are eagerly awaiting the 1978 track season.



1. The 1977 Bergan High Track team having one of their best practices. 2. Marvin Renter sprints to the finish line in the mile run.



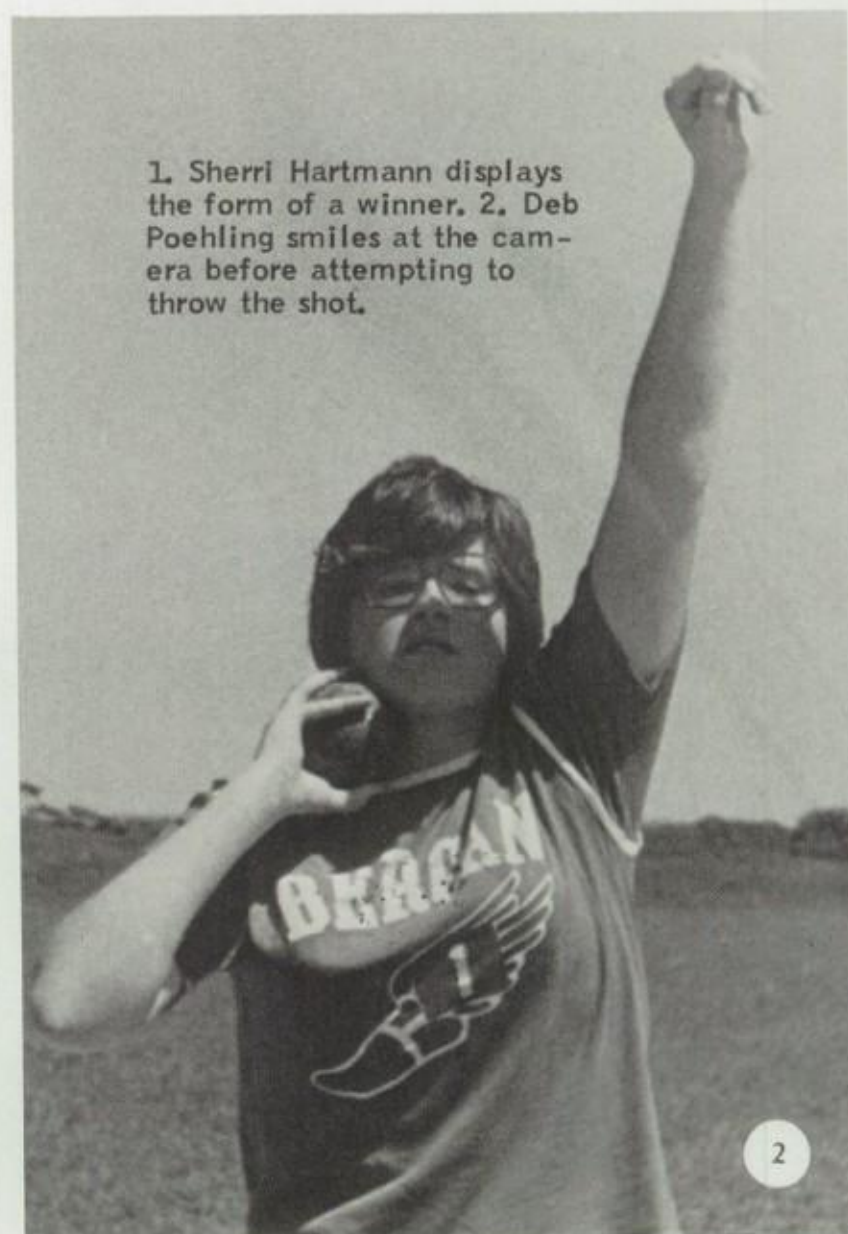
1. Freshman Mark Iossi in a race to the finish. 2. Craig Thomas leaves everyone behind in his dust as he burns the track. 3. Pushing to the finish line, Mark Svoboda runs to win.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR ALL

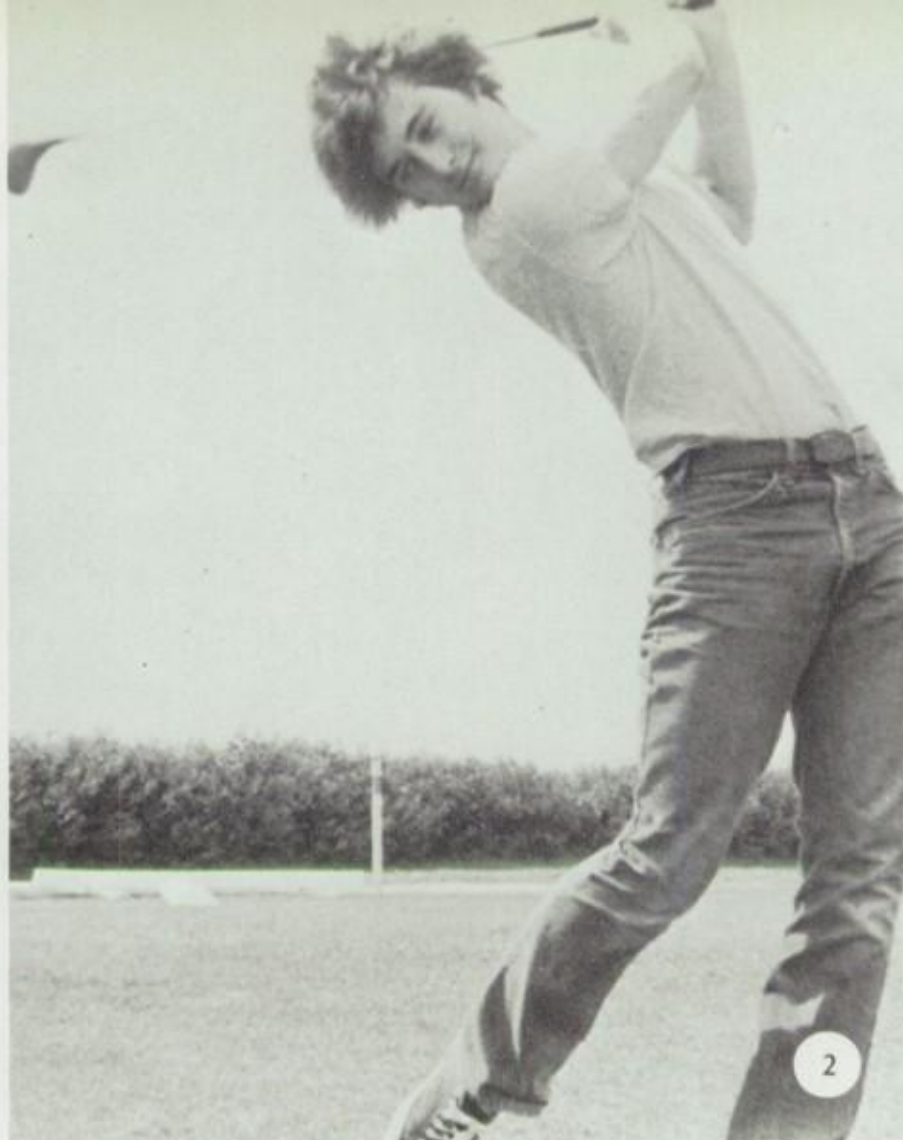
During the 1977 track season, the girls worked very hard to come up winners. Goals were set and achieved throughout that time. Many records were broken, but those who don't hold records, have the satisfaction of giving their best.

Deb Poehling qualified for state this year, after receiving a second place in the shot put at districts. Many other stand-out performances came throughout the season, and team members are anxiously awaiting next year.

Members of this year's track team are: Miss Breen, coach, K. Sherlock, N. Cerny, M. McGrath, S. Hartmann, L. Hegemann, T. L. Leise, K. Stover, T. Mahlberg, Miss Monaghan, coach, K. Evert, D. Stastney, B. Cajka, D. Poehling, J. Tines, D. Hegemann, C. Reimers, student manager, T. Piskorski, Student Manager, and D. Rabe.



1. Sherri Hartmann displays the form of a winner. 2. Deb Poehling smiles at the camera before attempting to throw the shot.



GOLFERS ENJOY THE SEASON

The 1977 Golf team, under the new head coach, Mr. Lee Zlomke, compiled a season record of 29 wins, 12 losses, and one tie.

The team, made up of a solid base of Seniors with some very competitive and promising Juniors and Freshman, placed 2nd in the Oakland Invitational, 2nd in the NCC Conference, and 5th in the C-2 District.

Medalists for the season were Rick Brumm, who received a 7th place in the Conference, Dan Buresh, 10th in the District. Rick Brumm also received the Most Valuable Golfer Award.

The 13 member team did not feel the number was unlucky for them, as they sported one of the best seasons in Bergen's history.



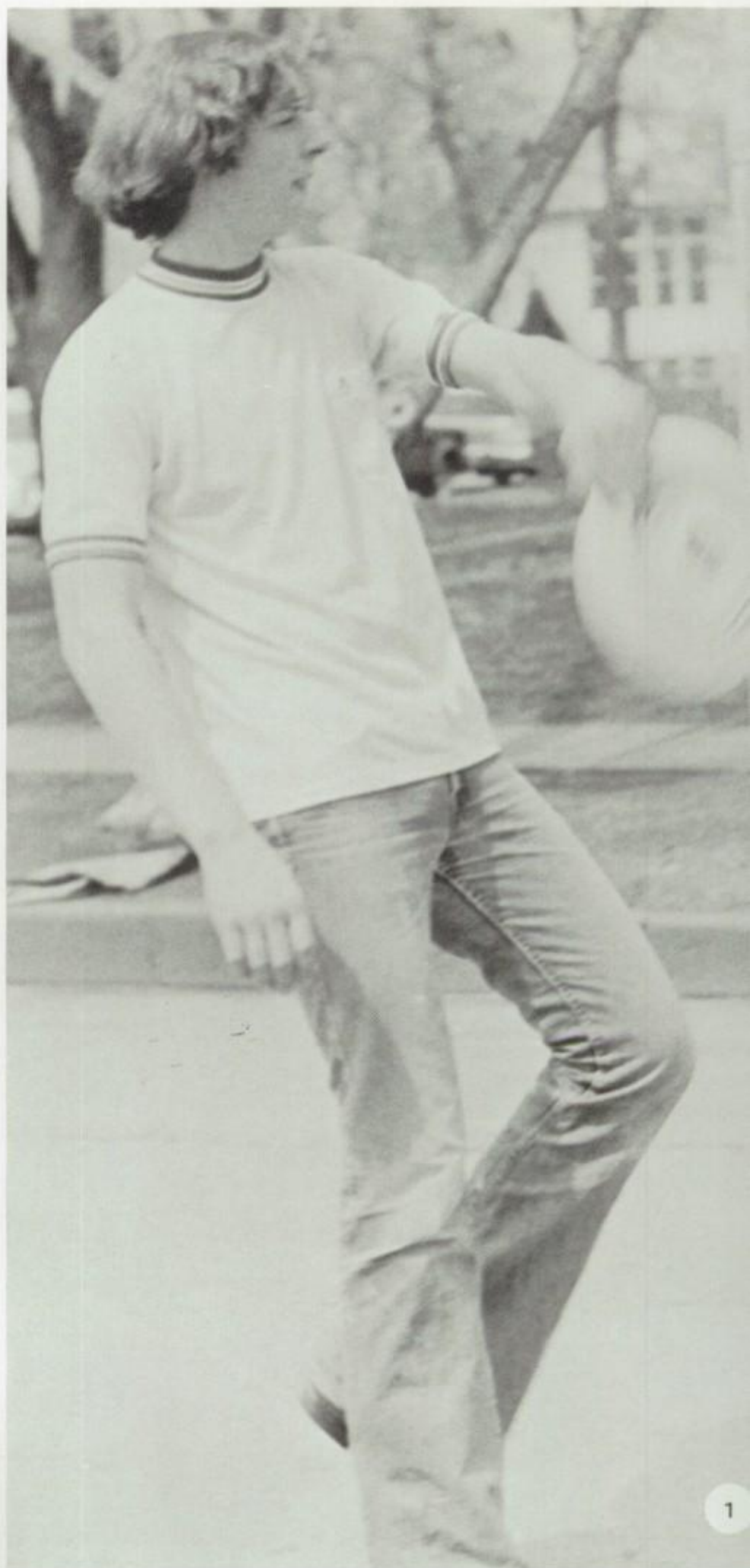
1. Tim Hegarty quints in concentration as he prepares to T-off. 2. Keeping your eye on the ball is a key factor in golf which Jay Pieper seems to understand. 3. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Zlomke, P. Hegarty, J. Shanahan, D. Buresh, M. Maly, J. Jennings, P. Henggeler, C. Vance. KNEELING LEFT TO RIGHT: T. Krause, R. Brumm, T. Hoelsing, J. Pieper, T. Hegarty.

SPRING FEVER HITS

With spring approaching, the student body begins to show signs of restlessness and experience a need to escape the classroom and frolic in the first early spring warmth. Out come the frisbies and challenges between players begin, to see who is really the best of them all. Everyday, jokes, and shananigans will increase as the spring weather continues.

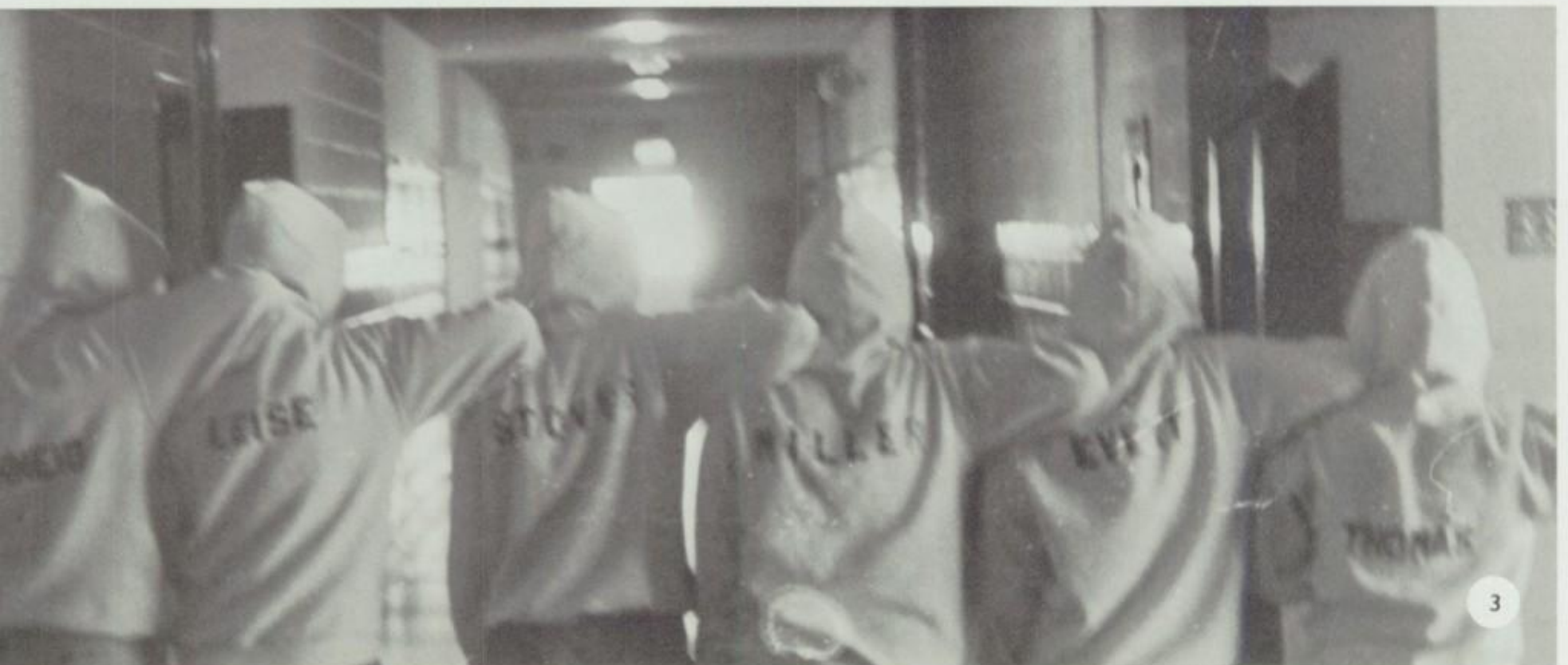
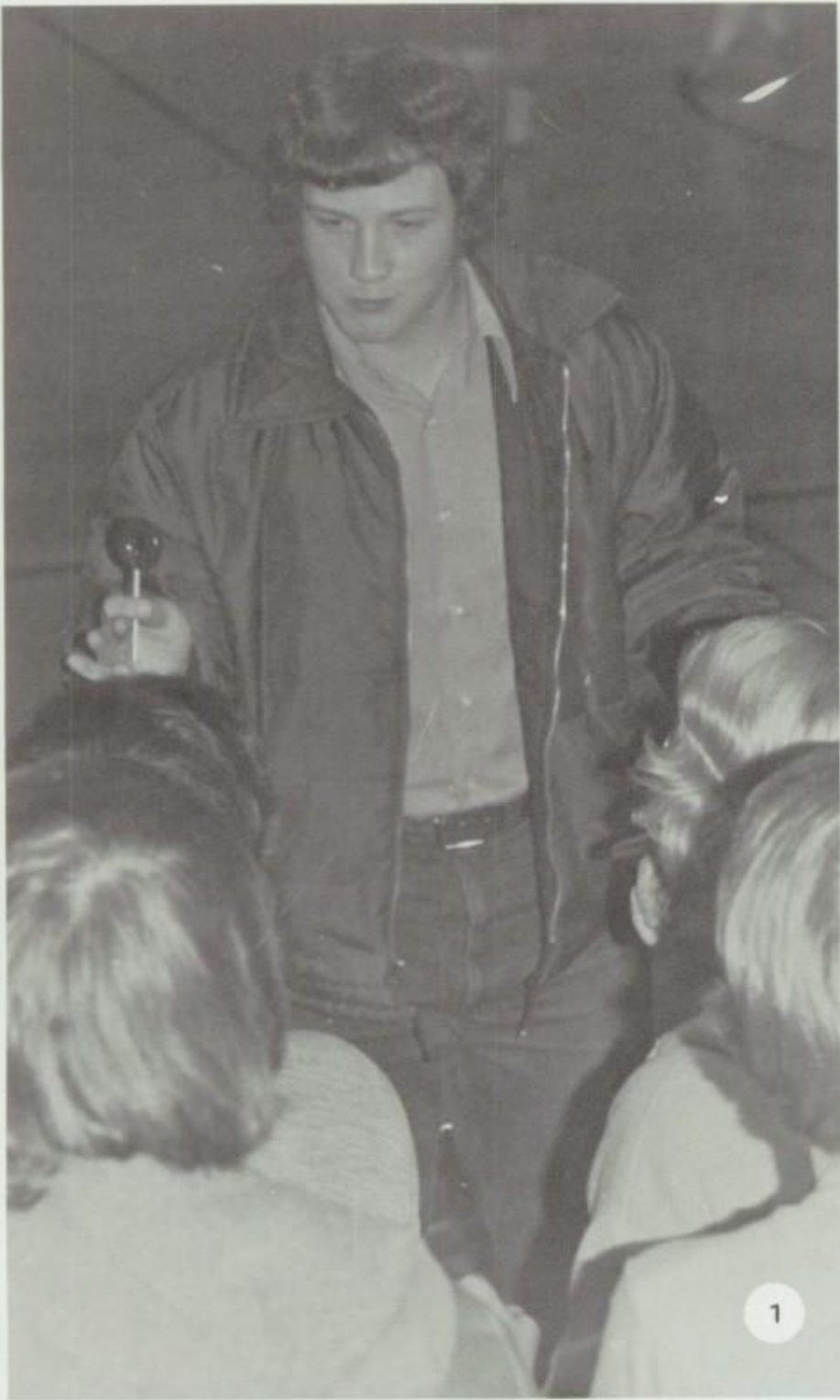
There will also be serious moments, such as the National Honor Society induction. Through it, every one learns that being oneself is vitally important, and at the same time, to enjoy the few precious years of high school so that fond memories will always remain. Naturally, that's just what the students at Bergan are doing.

It is a time for leadership in such organizations as the newly-formed student council, and for being part of a group; be it on a track team, a yearbook staff, or a play production, It is the hope of all, that every student at Bergan can function both as an individual and as a member of a team. Through winter activities the students found a wide variety of activites to participate in.



1. Tom Barton shows the technique of catching a frisbee thrown by Mike Hoelsing on opposite page. 2. Dan Buresh lights the candle of newly inducted member Tammy Piskorski. OPPOSITE PAGE-1. Jim Jennings shows his audience the proper way to hold a lollipop before starting it. 3. Six freshmen who have just learned their names, proudly display them.









OPPOSITE PAGE. 1. With only one clue to go by, the mystery of the missing camera baffles Mike Hoelsing. 2. Rick Brumm dances his way to fame on the court. 3. Miss Monaghan gives out communion at an all school mass. 4. "Our Spirit is Sky High!" 1. In charge of the first annual Paschal meal, Fr. Frank is excited to get it underway.

JUNIORS PREPARE FOR FINAL YEAR



Rhonda Beiermann
Greg Benne
Rick Brumm
Bob Bogenreif
Paul Buresh



Mike Bussey
Marguerite Campbell
Peg Conrad
Marty Emanuel
Kay Evert



Tim Hegarty
Alan Hegemann
Rose Hemmer
Jon Hemminger
Tom Hoelsing

Gary Moser tries to act tough while showing off his letter jacket.



Jim Jorn
Kevin Kersten
Lori Leister
Terri Mahlberg
Gary Maly



Mike Maly
Randy Meister
Becky Miller
Shannon Morrissey
Gary Moser



George Mulder
Dale Mundy
Lois Peatrowsky
Jay Pieper
Sue Pfeifer



16. Leann Routh tells Sr. Lee Agnes how it's done, as Terri Rabe watches in amazement. 17. Juniors Terri Mahlberg, Jane Recker, Debbie Stastny, and Deb Poehling, flirt with Mr. lover-boy himself, Jim Jennings. 18. The camera captures Randy Meister giving his usual sexy smile.



Debbie Poehling
Terri Rabe
Jane Recker
Kim Ropp
Leann Rounph



Ted Saunders
Brian Schneiders
Bill Schuler
Jodi Shanahan
Sue Sjustrom



Debbie Stastny
Pat Steiner
Chuck Stepanek
Mark Svoboda
Mike Talty



Craig Thomas
Brian Venneman
Kathy Warne
Judy Zimola

Junior class officers;
Peggy Conrad, Terry
Mahlberg, Kim
Ropp, Paul Buresh.



May the road rise to greet you,
May the wind always be on your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your field,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



A BREAK AT THE END OF THE YEAR

A significant change in the mini-course program this year was the introduction of more academic classes. Students were required to take, at least one academic course during the day.

Some of the new and interesting courses offered were: Nebraska Disasters, Small Town Nebraska, Marriage and Family, Home Decorating, Boredom Breakers, and BYOB (Bring your own book). In addition to the new offerings, many of the old stand-bys were offered again: bowling, photography, hunter safety, swimming, bicycling, and karate.

Under the capable direction of Mr. Dennis Loney, things ran smoothly and all students seemed to enjoy their classes. Students were fortunate in having five days of sunny summer-like weather for mini-courses. Mr. Shacklett's outdoor cooking class was popular with the boys, who bought and prepared their own food. In the small town Nebraska class, Ms. Bagley took a small group of students on field trips to various small communities in the area.

It was a rewarding and useful end of the year break for both students and teachers.





OPP. PAGE: 1. Members of the bicycling class, L. Roumph, L. Ortmeier, D. Hartmann, D. Stastney, K. Evert, D. Reimers, prepare to take off for the lakes. 2. Mary Woita demonstrates string art to Sue Brown during crafts class. ABOVE: Pat Hoelsing works on a complicated jump on the trampoline. 2. Debbie Reimers completes a "Mickey and Minnie" t-shirt for artex.



1) Randy Goebel sits back and takes life as it comes, as he gets another student to change channels. 2) Breaking boards the last day of Karate class was fun, if you know how. 3) Jim Mundy shows the proper way to start and stop on a trampoline.



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1. Amie Cerny and Judy Zimola break the monotony of school by putting on an interesting show. 2. Jill Henggeler tries to scare off her many admirers. 3. Attempting to play basketball the freshman boys grab desperately for the ball. 4. The Senior men fight to get their handsome faces in front of the camera.

THESPIANS

The Spring play "The Miracle Worker", was a big success this year due to the efforts of many people. The long hours proved to be worthwhile since it helped many people to become Thespians. Old and new members joined in the fun at the Thespian banquet, and later a picnic. Everyone did a fantastic job this year, and they are all looking forward to next year.



1. Annie Sullivan (Judy Zimola) is determined to teach obstinant Helen Keller (Teri Coday). 2. Thespians for the 1976-77 year are: FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT, Ms. Bagley, director, M. Reznicek, M. Campbell, J. Zimola, B. Cheshier, M. Showers, D. Goebel, J. Henggeler, B. Bogenreif, J. Jom. 2ND ROW, G. Lauer, D. Mundy, J. Speiker, J. Tines, B. Cajka, T. Mahlberg, A. Matteo, R.

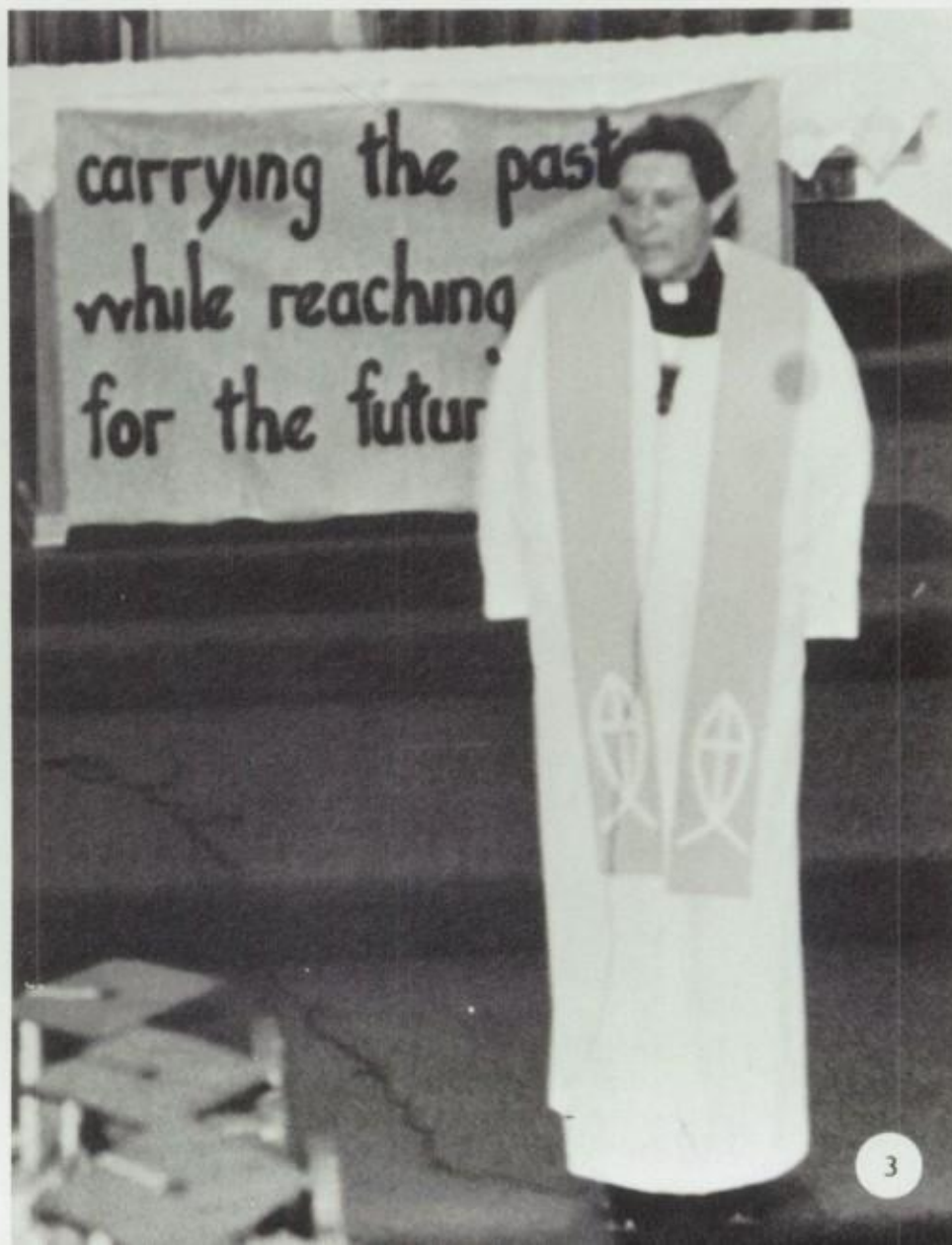
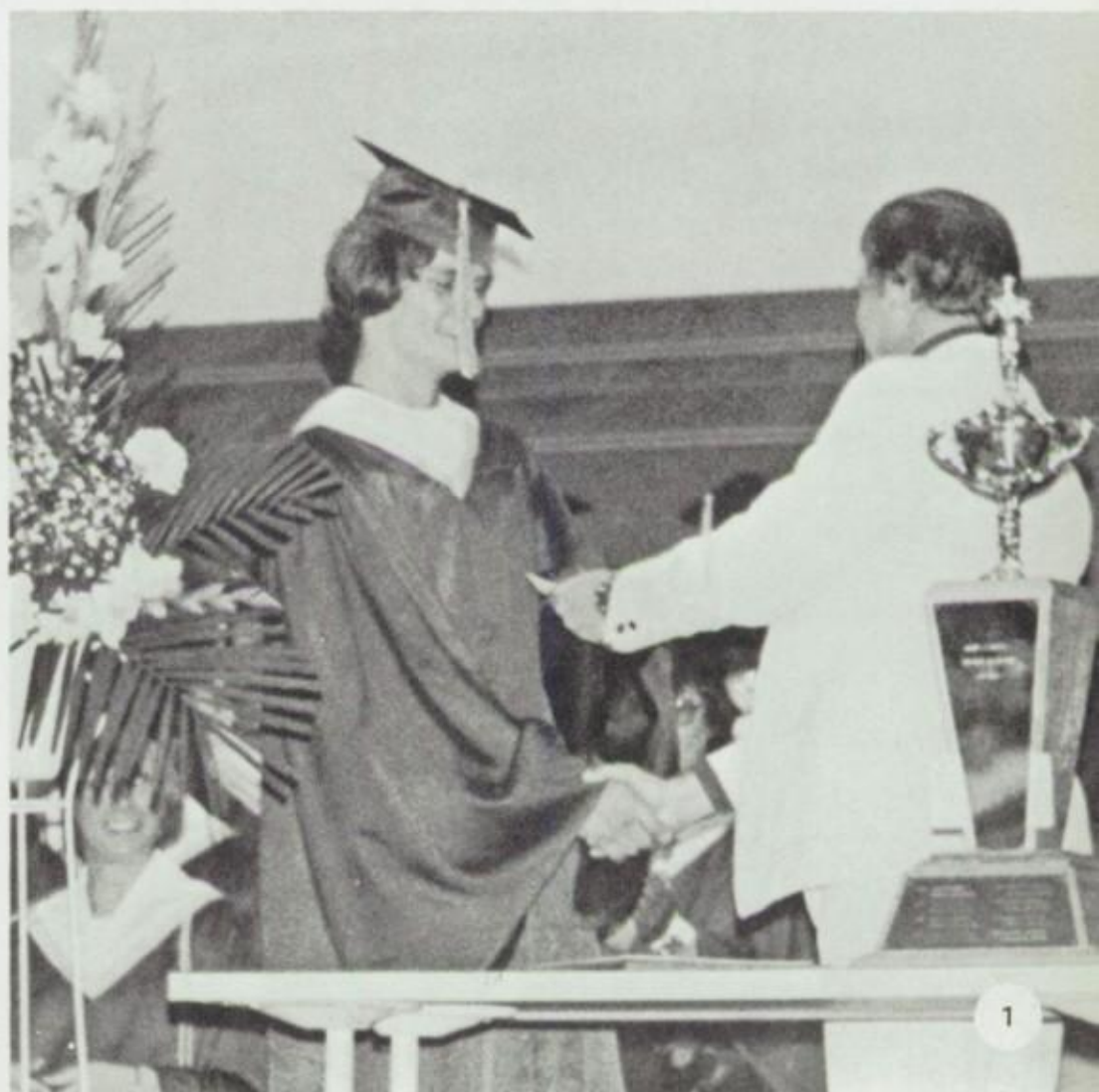
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HONORS, AWARDS AND A SERIOUS MOMENT

It was a perfect day for Honors Morning. Everyone was anxious and ready for everything to get underway. Many people received awards, letters, scholarships, and certificates for straight A's. Some of the Awards winners were Doreen Hegemann-Gene Twehouse, Del Uhlik-Ken Sanders, and Joan Piskorski - Most Valuable Staffer. Along with all of this, the Senior Class gave what was left in their class treasury to start an Alumni treasury.

This year, the Sophomore class of 1979 was awarded the Bergan Plaque. Based on points, they had an overwhelming victory. Student Council President Jim Jennings presented the award to the Sophomore president Larry Reznicek.

While awards were being given out, many people failed to realize this would be the Seniors last Honors Morning. They would be going on different things. After graduation the class of '77 would become Alumni while the class of '78 would go on to become the leaders of Bergan.



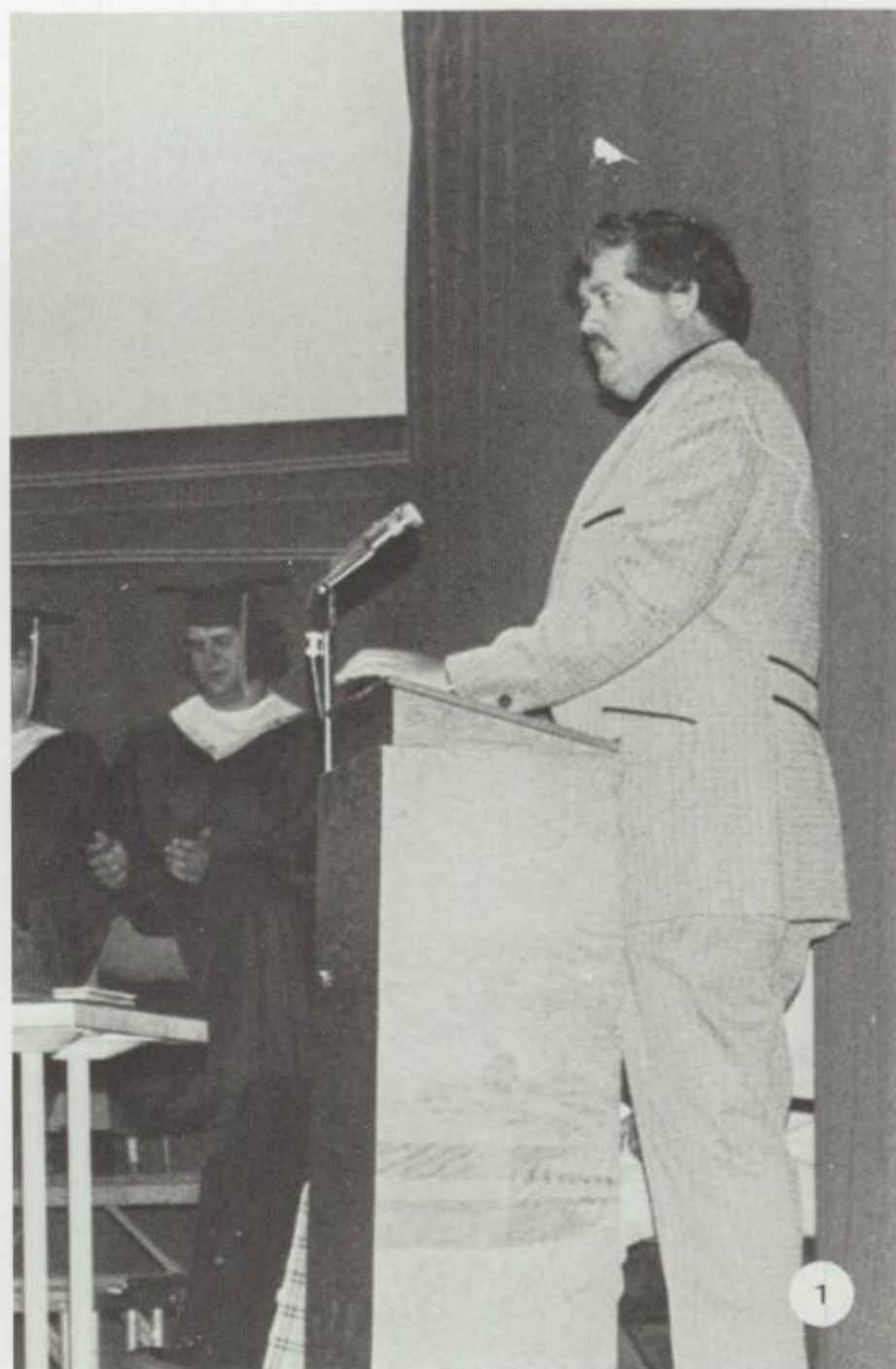
1) Mike Hoelsing accepts an award from Mr. Schmidt with a smile. 2) Mike and Gary Wiesen received the 1st Annual J. Vojtech scholarship presented by Mr. Vojtech. 3) Fr. Raus wishes the Seniors luck during the Baccalaureate Mass.

LAST NIGHT FOR 1977 SENIORS

With "Friends" as a theme song, the graduating class of 1977 made their last official appearance in Bergan High School. It was a sad moment for the Seniors and their families, and yet a moment filled with hope for the future.

Theresa Hoffman, Valdictorian, spoke to her classmates about the importance of tuning into success, and Dan Buresh, Salutatorian, reminded them to always strive for the highest goal. The Commencement speaker, Father Frank Lordeman, compared the young graduates to birds in a nest, able to bend and sway with the wind.

A group of Seniors sang, John Denver's "Friends", and various awards were presented. Doreen Hegemann received the Gene Twehous Service Award, and Del Uhlik, the Ken Saunders Memorial Trophy. Mr. Leland Zlomke presented many scholarships, and the evening ended as the sixty-four graduates received diplomas.





OPP. PG. 1) Fr. Frank Lordeman tells the graduating class of their uniqueness. 2) Members of Changing Times and Glee sing the class song of 1977 "Friends". 3) Mr. Schmidt presents Doreen Hegemann with the Gene Twehous award, ABOVE: 1) Bob Givens gives a sigh of relief after making it through twelve years of school. 2) Teri Coday receives her long awaited diploma. 3) Salutatorian Dan Bur-esh wants the Seniors to move on to bigger and better things. 4) Valedictorian Theresa Hoffman finds her twelve years of school have brought her to success.

THE 1977 EMERALD STAFF

It was a year of busy activity from fall to spring for the 1977 Emerald Staff. For the first time "Yearbook" was a class and consisted of nearly thirty members.

The members of the class learned the basics of yearbook publication and selling advertising. Three individuals sold over \$200.00 in advertising, which entitled them to a free 1977 yearbook. They were Mary Beth Renter, Theresa Hoffman, and Denise Rabe.

In November, eleven members of the staff and Mrs. Fernau attended an overnight workshop in Topeka, Kansas at the Josten's American Yearbook Company plant. It was an educational experience and every one who attended gained new insight into the publication of a yearbook.

In the spring, the staff had an awards banquet. Trophies were given to those people judged outstanding in such areas as; most consistent, most helpful, most ambitious and so on.

Those people receiving awards were; Marty Emanuel, Jay Pieper, Tammy Piskorski Sue Brown, Diane Goebel, Theresa Hoffman, Laurie Kloewer, Julie Henggeler, and Beth Pawley.

Special plaques were presented to Judy Tlamka, and Jean Haun for their work in the darkroom and Mary Beth Renter as Editor. The staff presented Ms. Fernau with a plaque as well.

It was a rewarding year for the entire staff and we all sincerely hope you enjoy the 1977 Emerald.





The Staff: FRONT ROW- LEFT TO RIGHT Chris Wiebold, Mary Chamberlain, Sue Bown, Jill Henggeler. 2ND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT Mary Beth Renter, Editor, Sue Stoltenberg, Copy Editor, Jean Haun, photographer, Judy Tlamka, photographer, Diane Goebel, Julie Henggeler. BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Michelle Wegner, Theresa Hoffman, business manager, Denise Rabe, Laurie Kloewer artist, Tammy Piskorski, Marla Wegner, Karla Wallingford, Becky Miller, Leann Routh, Terri Rabe.

1. Julie, Sue, Becky, and Terri wait patiently for the meal to be served at the awards dinner. 2. Jay Pieper explaining the finer points of yearbook publication to Harley Morrissey and Becky Miller. 3. Ms. Femau presents one of the nine trophies given out at the awards banquet. 4. Marty and Mike discuss sports copy during yearbook class.

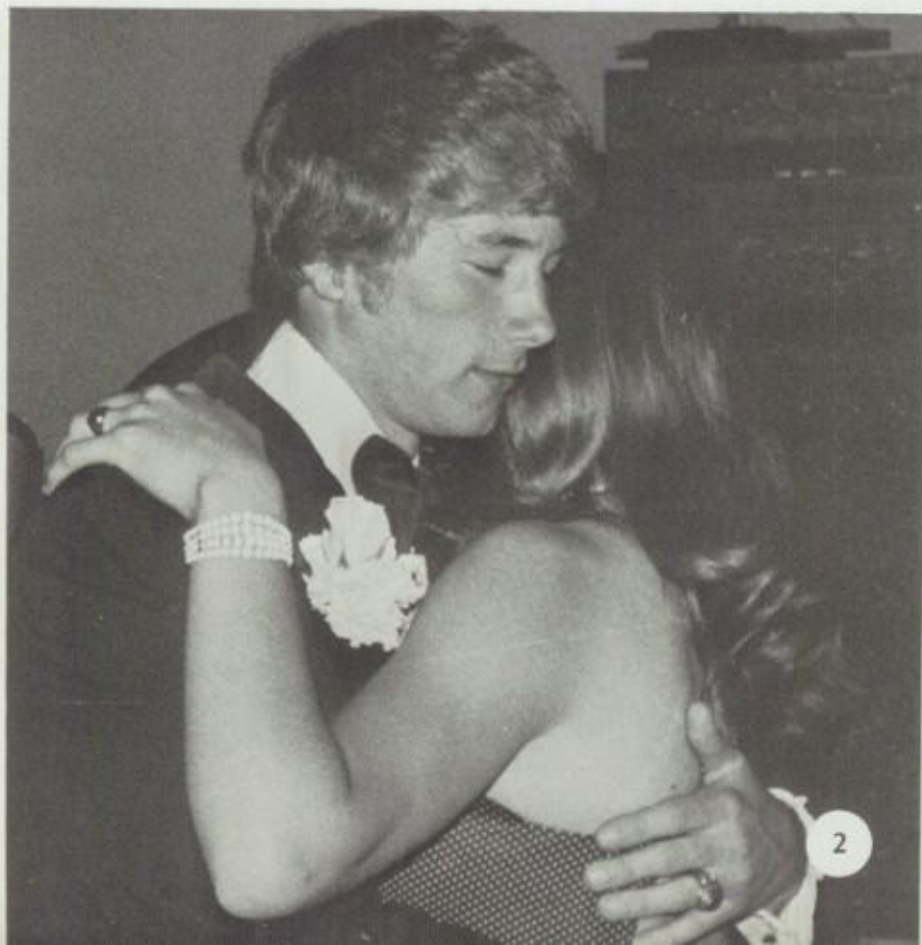
SPRING ACTIVITIES

Now that the dull winter months are disappearing, fresh, new activities have come up. An assembly by two Texan girls, Martin and Jetter, livened up the day with songs from the 60's and 70's. Going from music country style, the SAC Flair band provided rock music for the students. There were also slower songs for the old personnel.

Changes also came during the year for Bergan's swing choir, Changing Times. As stated in the name, the group had a variety of songs quite different from last year. All performances went well throughout the year and are expected to continue through the summer.

Summer, yes it's upon us. Masses which have taken place all through the year will come to an end after the Senior Mass. Students are rounding up books and papers and teachers are finishing grading. Not many more activities are in sight.

Seasons are still changing and so are the fresh budding ideas which changed into blossomed successes. Prom 1977 went over big after the Junior class put so much into it. Couples dressed in tuxes and gowns danced to the music of Casper. The continuous change throughout the school year will always exist, just like the changes of the seasons.





OPP. PG 1) Texas comes to Bergan.
 2) "I can dance" thinks Dan Buresh
 3) Jacque Hanzel and date Al Hege-
 mann relax after dancing a while. 1) Fr. Raus celebrates mass for those who want to come on Friday. 2) Changing Times FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: T. Piskorski, D. Rabe, L. Ortmeier, D. Mundy, J. Spieker, C. Stepanek, J. Zimola, P. Conrad, 2ND ROW, M. Campbell, P. Sjuts, J. Jom, M. Reznicek, D. Goebel, 3RD ROW S. Sjo-
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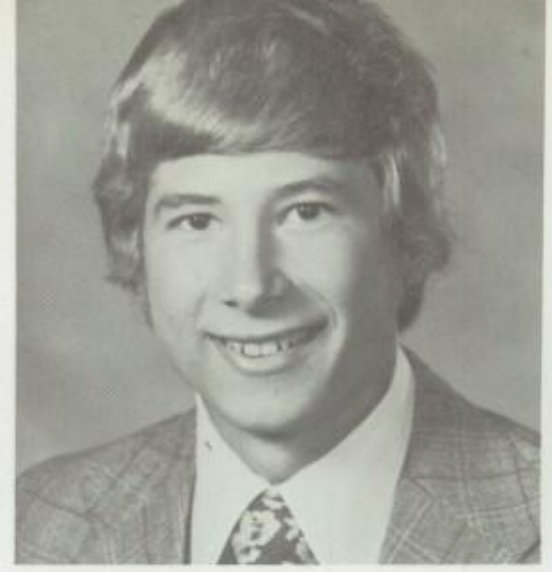
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Daniel Robert Buresh
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Margaret Ann Emanuel
Secretary



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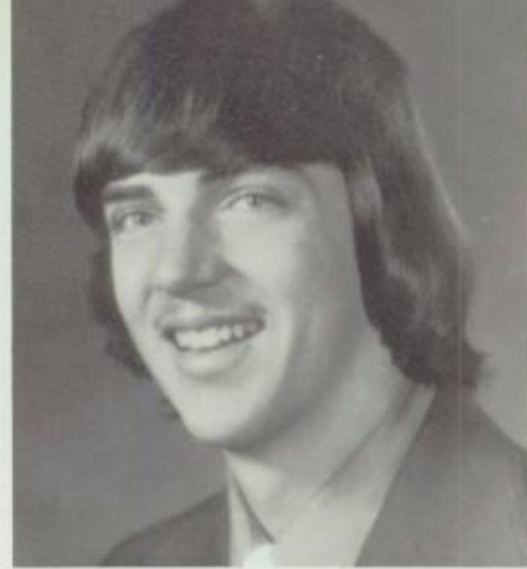
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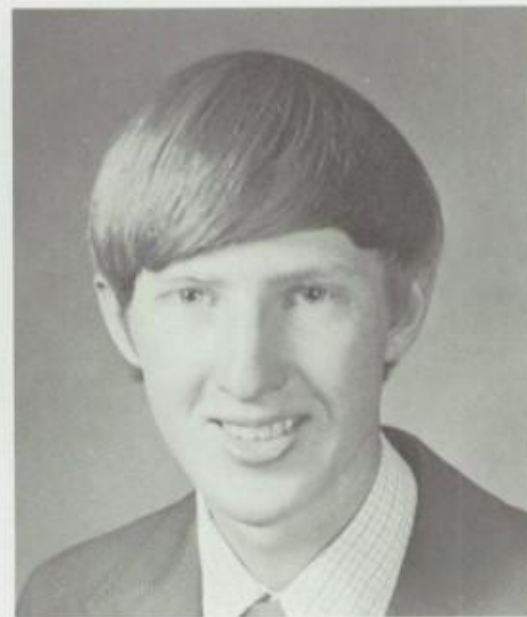
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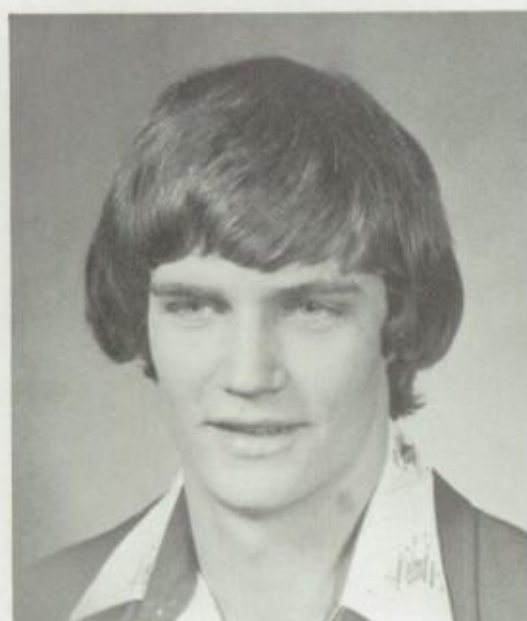
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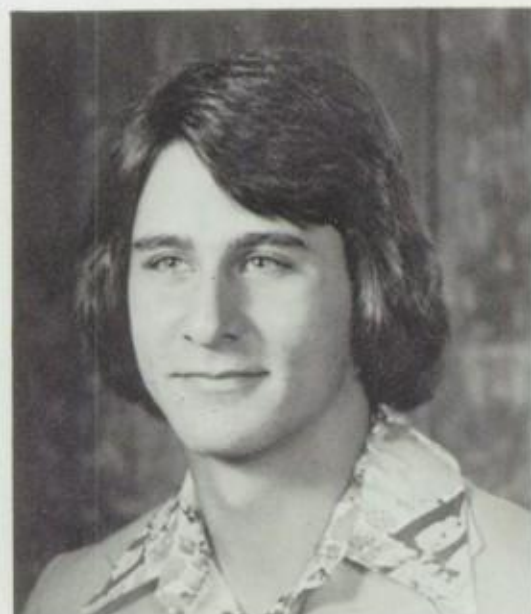
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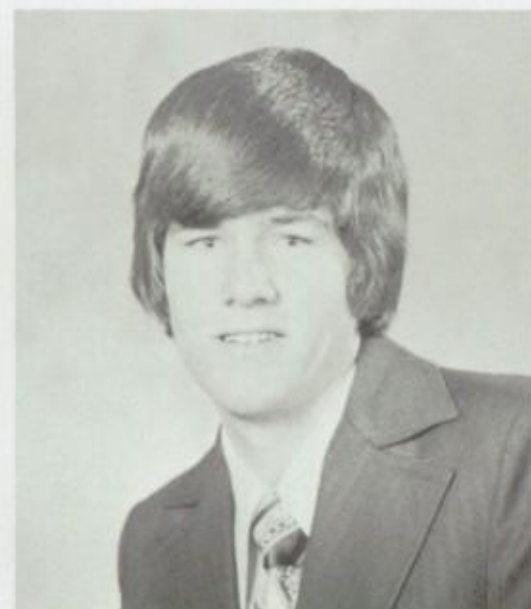
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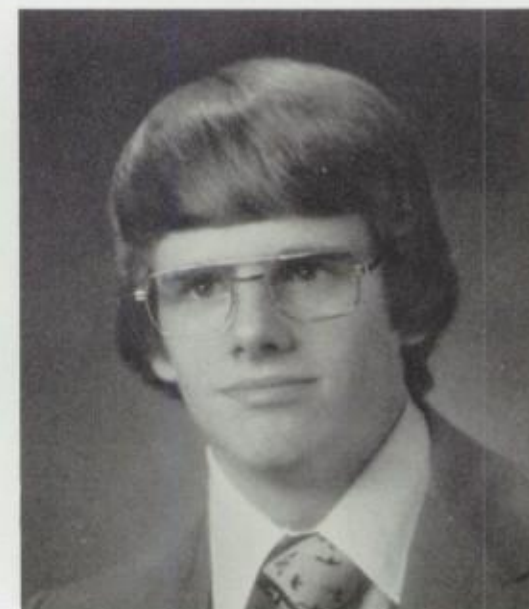
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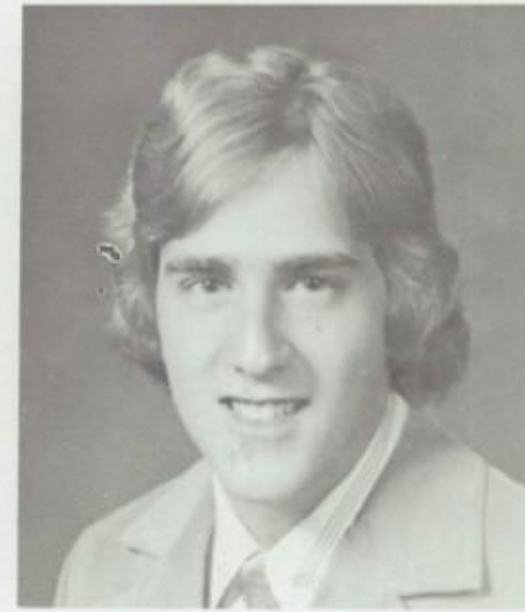
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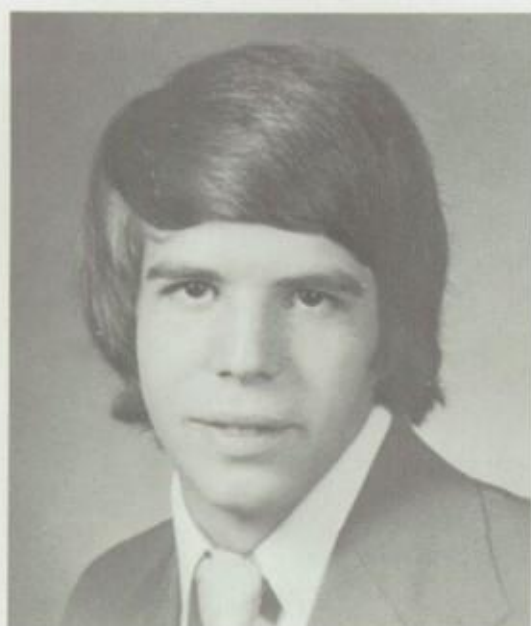
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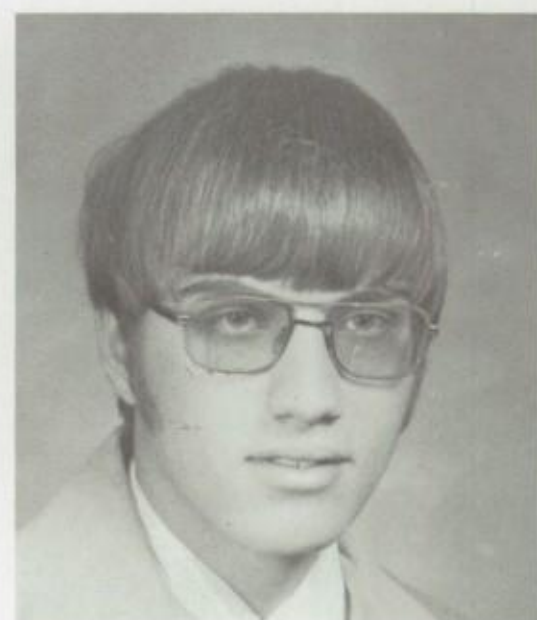
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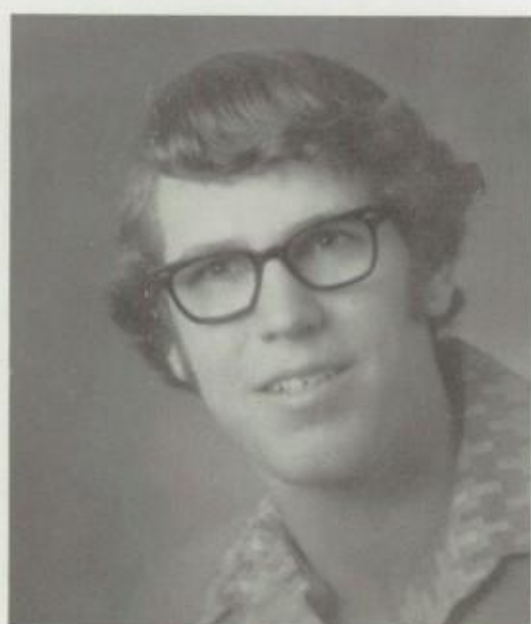
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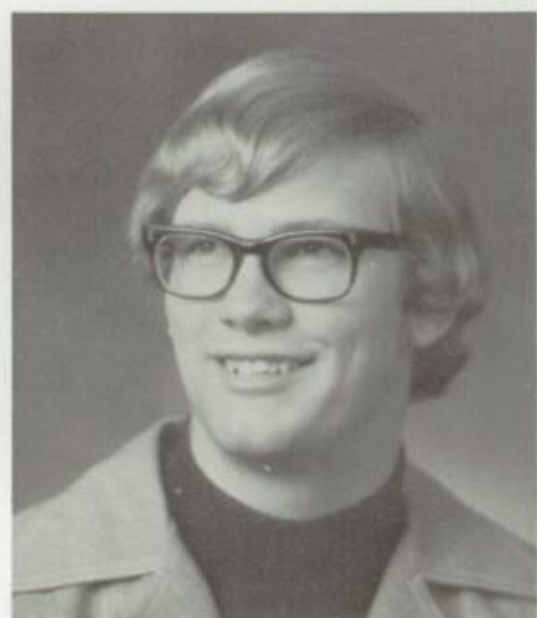
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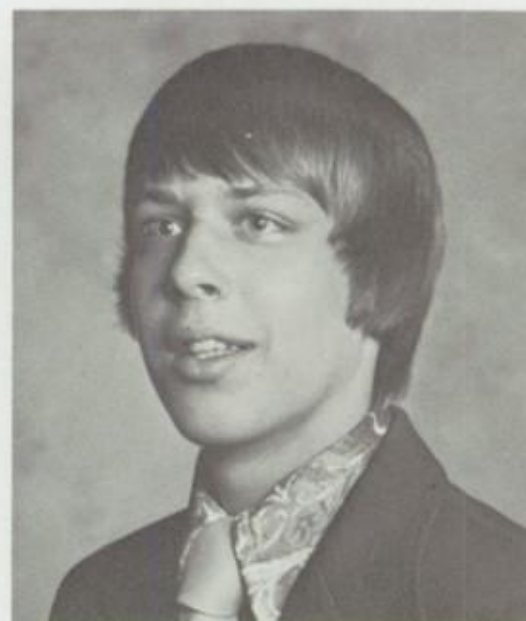
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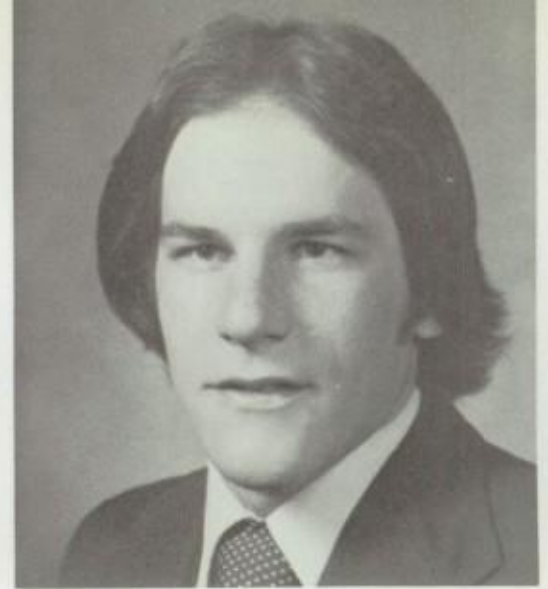
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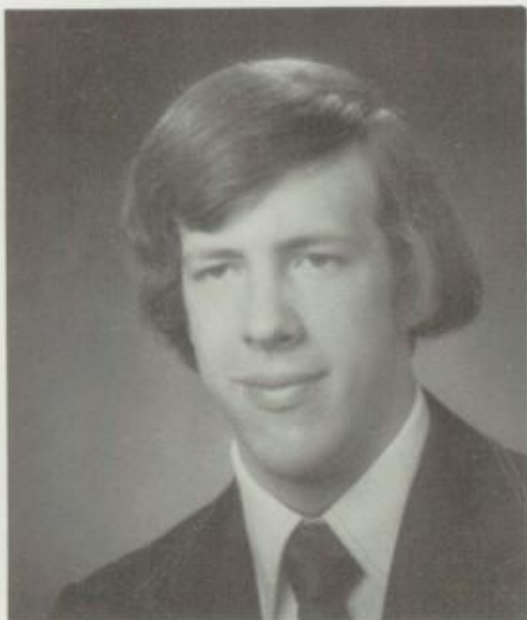
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THE FACULTY

At the end of Bergan's thirteenth year in operation, many changes have taken place in the school, it's policies and programs. Most of the faces have changed, but the positive attitudes have remained.

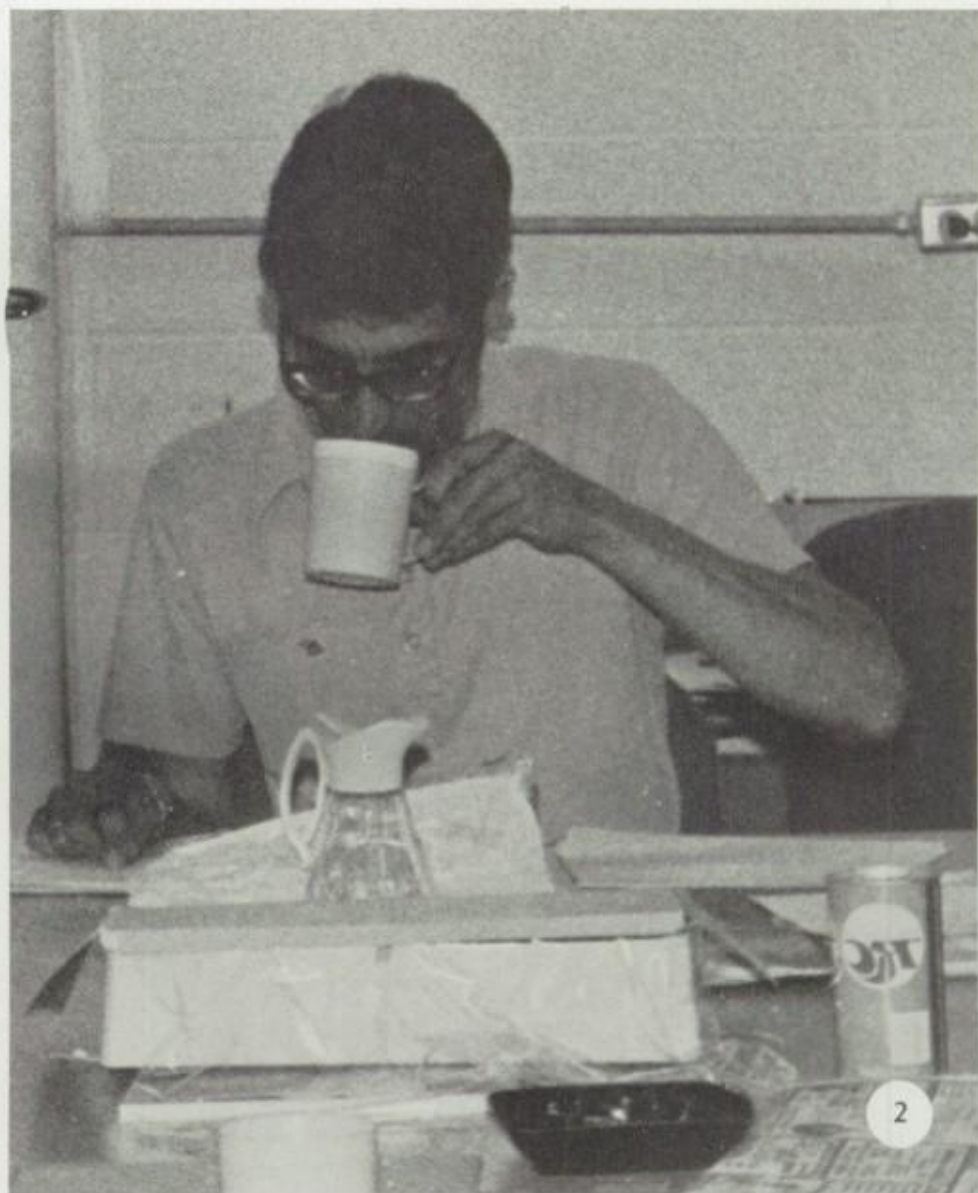
The members of the Bergan faculty have worked hard to keep the school in operation. They actively participate in student extra-curricular activites, and still strive to maintain a high academic level of acheivement.

Most academic programs at Bergan have improved over the years, due to the concerned efforts of the administration, parish and faculty. The Bergan staff is more than merely a group of teachers, secretaries, and janitors who put in their time nine months every years. It is a closely knit, well trained body of people who are concerned with education, and who work together to form a strong unity while maintaing each individual identity.

Every member of the Bergan faculty is proud to be a part of a very special school, which offers a great deal to every one.



1. In a moment of reflection, Mr. Learned pauses for a mental break during a busy day. 2. Mr. Loney strikes a stern pose, in place of his usual sparkling smile. 3. The camera catches Mr. Schmidt in a rare moment outside the office and the hectic schedule he keeps.



1. Ms. Keil relaxes by the window during a free mod. 2. A cup of coffe breaks the monotony of checking papers for Mr. Berry. 3. Miss Johnk on her way up stairs. 4. The newest member of the faculty, Mr. Zlomke flashes a ready smile and a word of encouragement for all Bergan students.

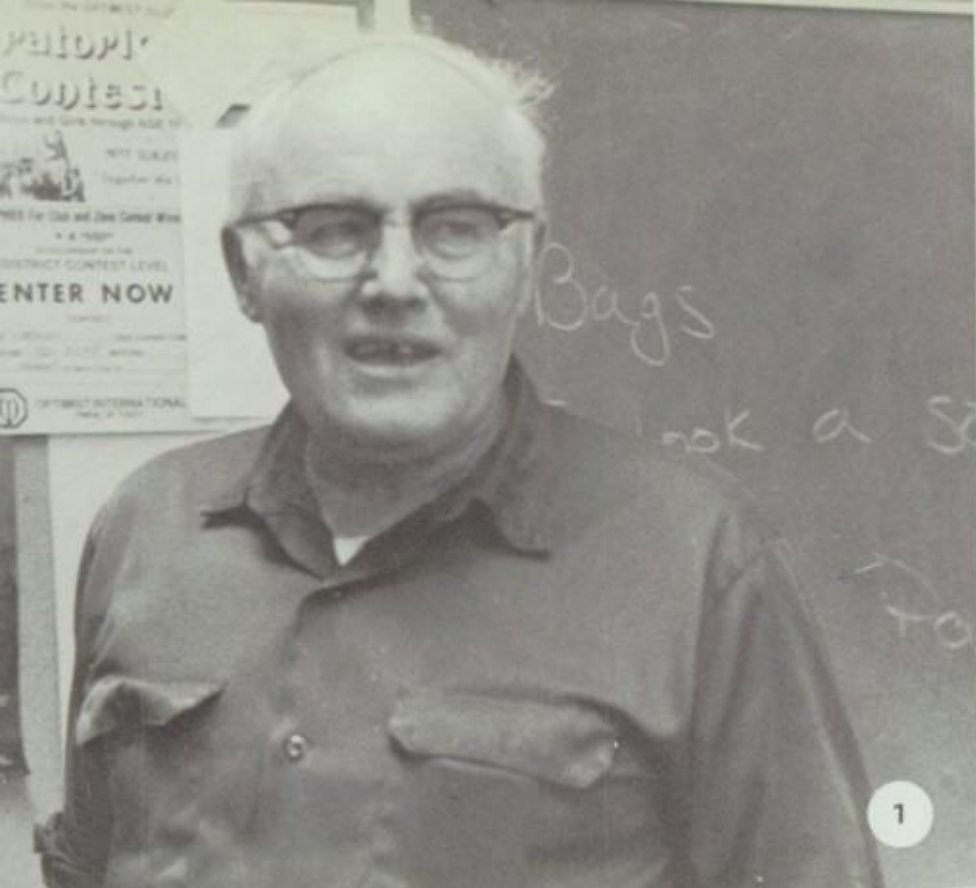


1. The science department, Sr. Lee Agnes and Mr. Shacklett discuss an amazing lab experiment. 2. Ms. Bagley shows off her "Drama Jock" T-shirt. 3. Mr. Kluthe is caught in the hall by one of his many admirers, Jody Shanahan. 4. Coach Vojtech after a grueling practice session. 5. A smile is the key to understanding, is Ms. Board's motto.



1. Ms. Fernau busily correcting tests which have accumulated for several months. 2. Amazed by a joke from the photographer, Mr. Winchell breaks out in a smile. 3. Mrs. Bouc relaxing at her desk. 4. Miss Breen anxiously watches the clock during a close basketball game. 5. Rudy, the handyman at school, who fixes anything.





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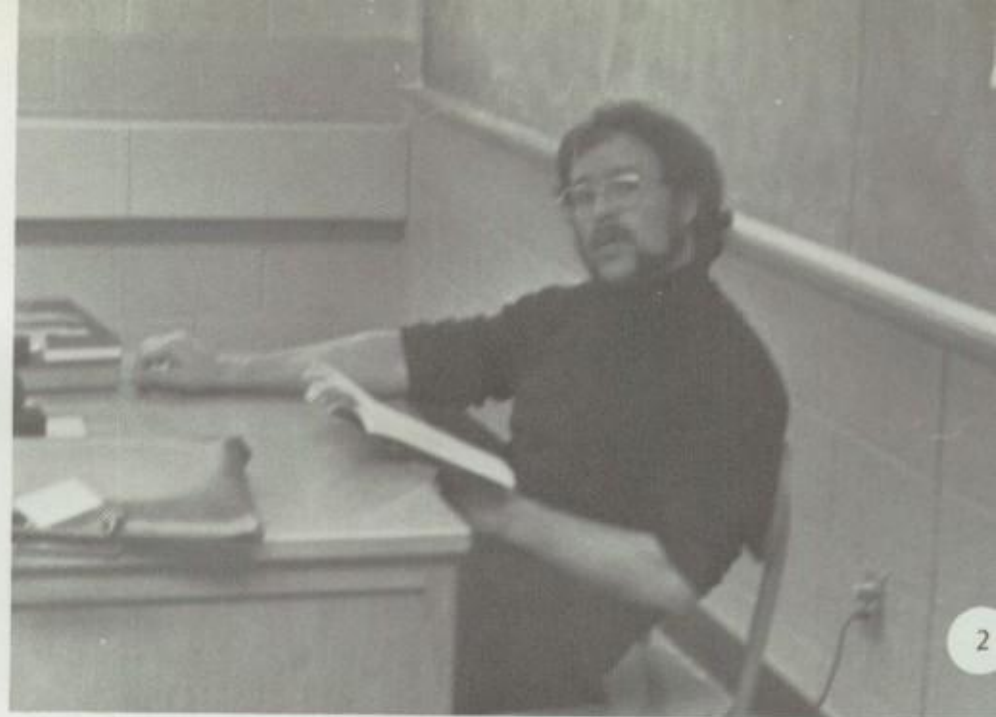


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1. John Gibney, making his general rounds of the school. 2. Sister Paulette, prepares to eat on a piece of her going away cake. 3. Hard at work in a crowded library is Mrs. Dean. 4. Sister Myriam efficiently records grades on report cards.



1. Father Raus becomes a spectator at an all school mass. 2. Father Orwig is actually caught with a book in his hand. 3. Sr. Marlene tries to act mad, but can't. 4. Father Ed's reaction to the Sophomore religion class. 5. The custodial staff, LEFT TO RIGHT, Rudy Kloke, Rose Rhode, Vivian Camahan, Mable Habbena, and George Stanley. 6. Father Frank surveys the Paschal meal which was for all Bergan students.

JUNIOR HIGH



7TH GRADE LEARNS IN NEW ENVIRONMENT



1. Karen Tharp is taken by surprise while Rhonda Ortmeier does not seem too enthused.



Denise Bazata
Joe Blowers
Tammy Brdicko
Ed Brohimer
Mary Buresh



Billy Campbell
Robert Chesier
Toni Chamberlain
Cheri Cochran
Mike Conklin



Chris Conrad
John Drahota
Bill File
James Garling
Mary Gibney

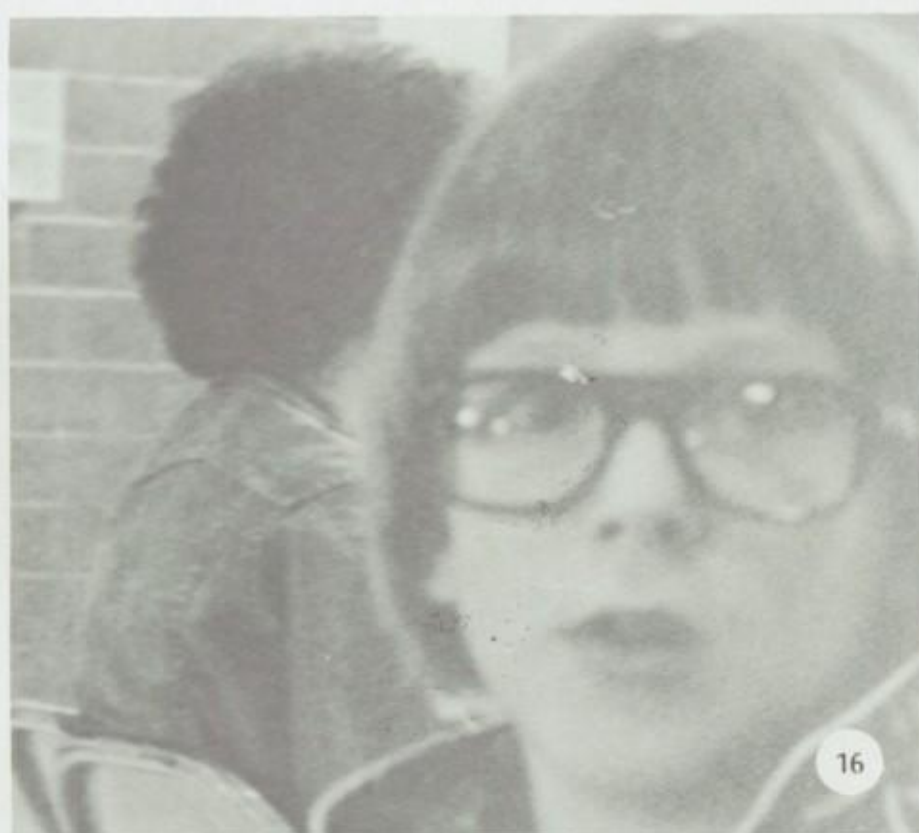
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Paul Good
Joe Grof
Jill Grossrode
John Havranek



Paul Hegemann
Maurice Hoffman
Tom Jom
Terri King
Mike Kruse



Mark Kucera
Leeann Kwiatkowski
Patrick Liester
Tom Munger
Brad Ortmeier



16. David Reimers off in a world of his own. 17. Toni Chamberlain makes her way back to class after lunch.





1. Billy Campbell receives help from Mr. Wojtkiewicz in study hall. 2. Debbie Schmidt holds the robe of the newly crowned queen, Debbie Uher, in the junior high production of "The Canterbury Tales".



Rhonda Ortmeier
Dennis Peatrowsky
Chris Pfeifer
Bonnie Prestel
Mark Rabe



Joan Ramaekers
David Reimers
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Mike Steffen





Karen Tharp
Mary Trienen
Debra Uher
Shelly VanDyke
Chris Ward



Jamie Wiebold
Diane Wiesen
Randy Wolken



9



10



11

9. John Drahota wards off his enemy with books while his enemy fights back with shoes. 10. Cheri Cochran finds that sliding down the rail is much easier than walking. 11. Maurice Hoffman studies the amazing feats of his folder.

EIGHTH GRADE PREPARES FOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Bemita Brennan
Teresa Brockhaus
Maureen Chapman



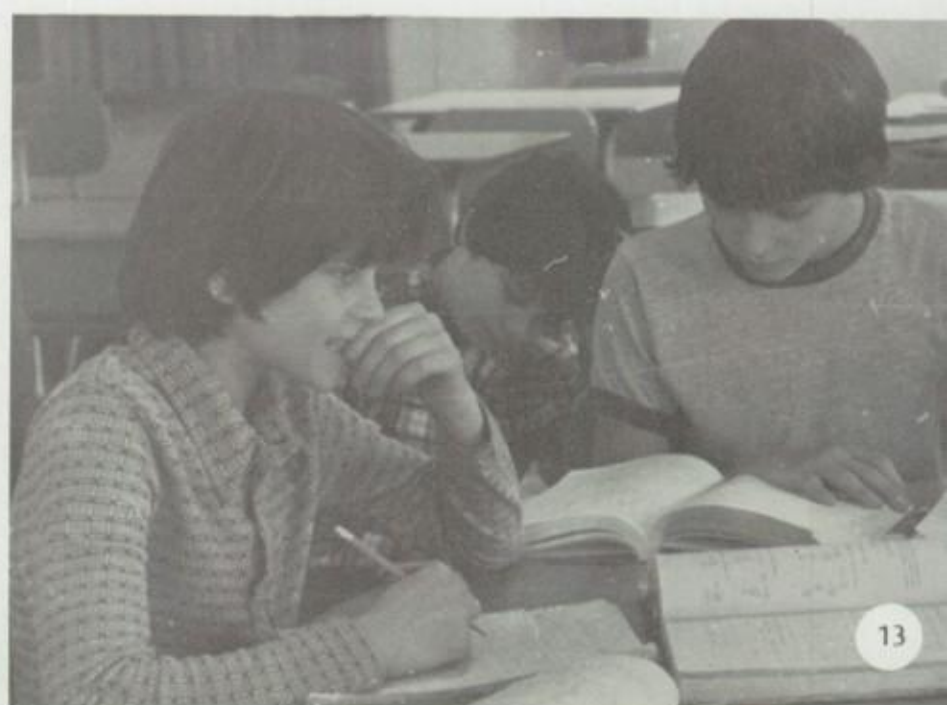
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Karen Conrad
Sandra Dohmen
Scott Doksansky
Judy Drahota
Delores Dvorak



Pam Evert
Brian Foy



14. Michelle Schmidt, Scott Meister, and Pam Evert show the 7th graders that they mean business. 13. Paul Warne finds math to be tedious as Kevin Pittenger zips right thru it.



Gene Gentrup
Steve Getzfrid
Tom Gilligan
Diana Harms
Todd Hass



Sherri Haught
Paul Hemminger
Sheri Hrdlicka
Sharon Huber
Kris Kelly



Bob Kingston



14



13

13. Sister Marlene goes over a future activity for the Jr. High. 14. Billy File helps a teacher out on his own time.



Tom Kroenke
Tony Kubin
Mark Leise
Debbie Loeffler
Michael Lomax



Scott Meister
Mark Mendlik
Greg Ortmeier
Jane Ortmeier
Dan Pabian



Kevin Pittenger
Patrick Poehling

13. Mr. Perry can't seem to get the attention of his class.



Monica Preissler
James Ramaekers
Michelle Schmidt
Gregory Schroeder
Kevin Stoupa



Todd Stover
Ellen Thomas
Dean Uher
Vicky Venneman
Paul Warne



Pat Wewel
Tim Wiebelhaus
Stacey Williams



14. Jane Ortmeier shows her secret of success in track. 15. Michelle Schmidt contemplates the idea of growing big and strong after eating her vegetables.

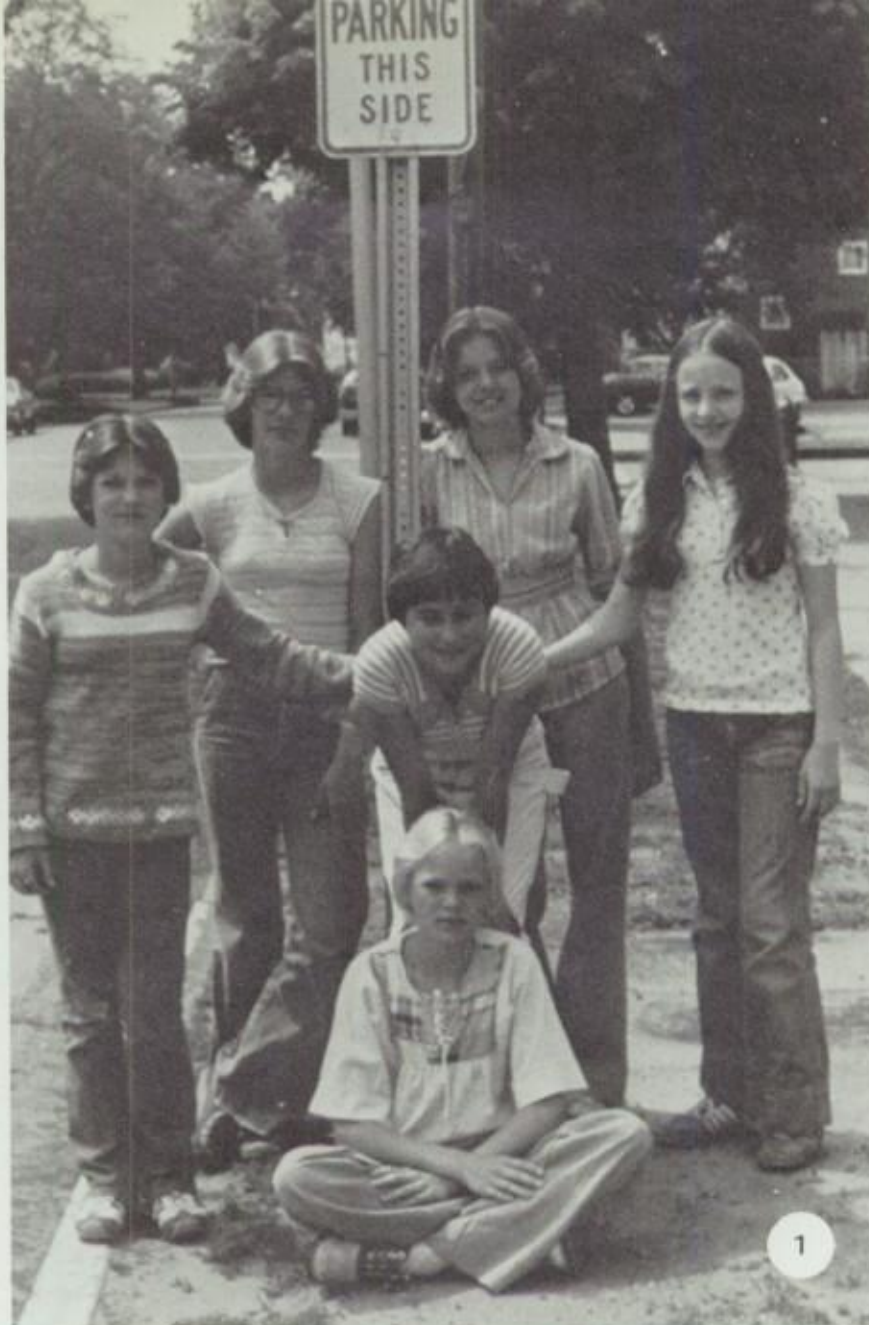


JR. HIGH ACTIVITIES

A full schedule was carried on this year by Junior High students. If books and studies didn't keep them busy, extra-curricular activities did. Competition was heavy, but it was all met with a winner's attitude throughout various sports.

Cheerleaders and pep club gave the much needed moral support to the guys during football, basketball, and wrestling seasons. Along with these activities came student government. With Sister Marlene as advisor, meetings were held regularly and projects came about during the year. This year seemed to be a success for all in the Bergan Junior High.





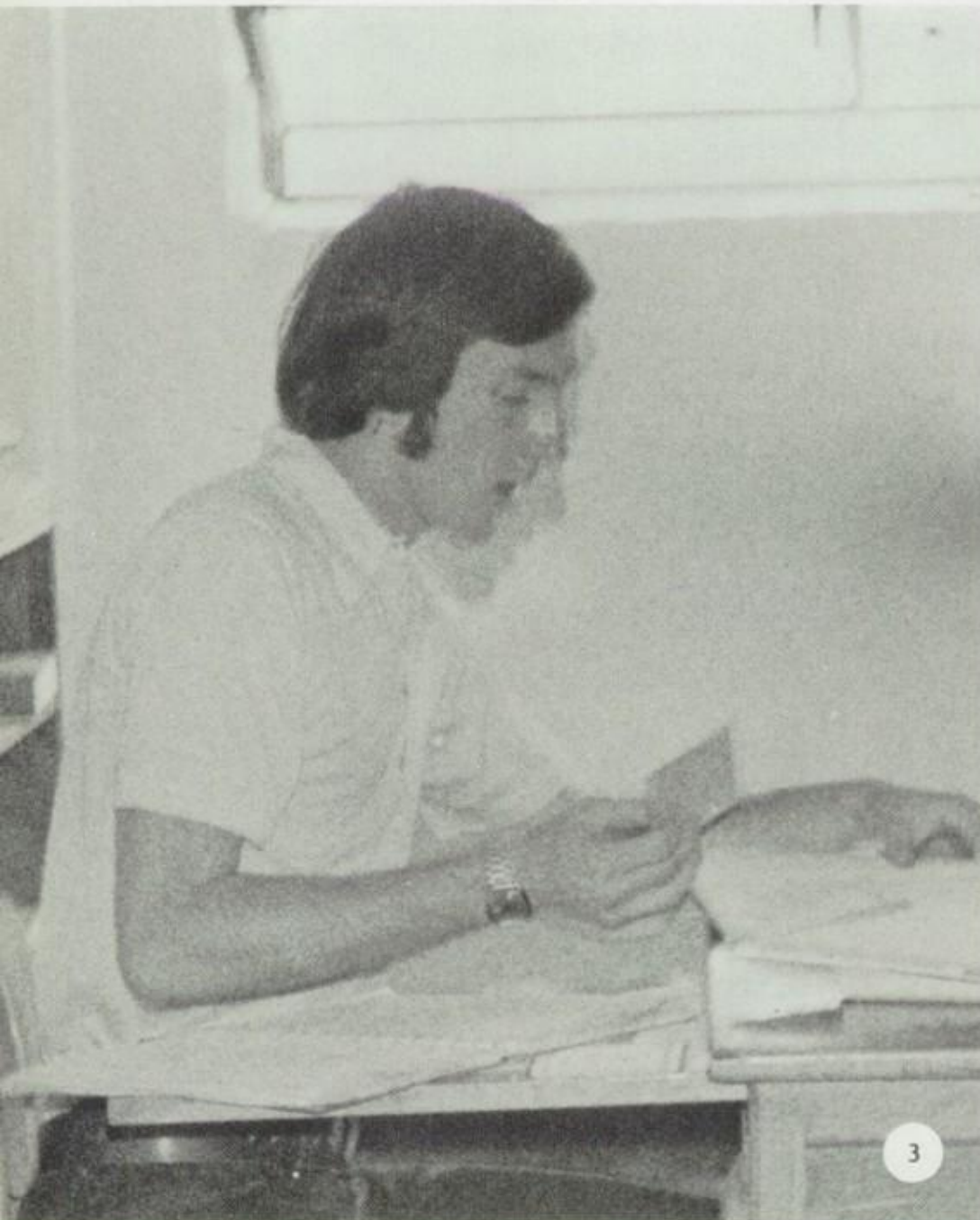
OPPOSITE PAGE: 1. Members of the girls track team: LEFT TO RIGHT: 1ST ROW, D. Wiesen, M. Buresh, D. Spieker, 2ND ROW, P. Evert, S. Williams, M. Gibney, 3RD ROW, M. Schmidt, J. Ortmeier, E. Thomas, S. Sefarik, 4TH ROW, D. Schmidt, D. Uher, J. Ortmeier, 5TH ROW, Miss Breen, coach, B. Prestel. 2. Members of the 1976-77 Junior high pep club. 3. Student government representatives included: STANDING ON BUS: Scott Meister, Deb Schmidt, Todd Stover. SITTING: Jane Ortmeier, Stephanie Sefarik, Michelle Schmidt, Pam Evert. STANDING: BOTTOM ROW, Karen Conrad, and Kim Sindelar.

ABOVE: 1. Junior High cheerleaders, BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Shelly VanDyke, Pam Evert, Michelle Schmidt, Karen Tharp. 2ND ROW, Kim Sindelar. SITTING, Deb Schmidt. 2. Junior High Football team, 1ST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: C. Ward, D. Reimers, J. Grof, B. Foy, B. Cheshier, R. Wolken, B. Ortmeier, M. Rabe, J. Blowers, M. Kruse, J. Havranek, E. Brohimer. 2ND ROW: G. Gentrup, D. Uher, P. Warne, G. Ortmeier, J. Blowers, M. Leise, P. Poehling, T. Stover, K. Pittenger, S. Getzfrid. 3RD ROW: Coach Wojtkiewicz, T. Wiebelhaus, T. Hass, B. Kingston, J. Wiebold, S. Meister, P. Wewel, Coach Vance, M. Mendlik, and Coach Mueller.

TEACHERS ASSIST IN GROWTH

Work, work, work. That's what it seems the students, as well as the teachers are doing. Books piled up to their eyes, papers from three months ago still unchecked, and late assignments are a part of all our lives.

Learning, working together, and growing an individuals, is what the Junior High students and teachers are doing. The students are now aware that there is a lot of growing up to do before entering Senior High, and that is what the teachers are helping with. Without the education that these teachers are giving the students would never make it in school or in their lives. This, as you can see, is what Bergan is all about.





OPP. PAGE. 1. Mrs. Pieper sits in amazement as Brad Ortmeier shows her how to work a problem. 2. Mr. Perry now has to check the assignments he knew he shouldn't have given. 3. Mr. Sanders armed with gradebook, is ready for any rowdy student. 4. Miss Monaghan displays a coy smile. ABOVE. 1. Acting normal are, FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: T. Hass, T. Stover, B. Ortmeier, T. Jorn, J. Havranek, C. Ward. 2ND ROW, R. Wolken, J. Blowers, 3RD ROW, P. Warne, G. Ortmeier, T. Gilligan, P. Hegemann, S. Getzfrid. 4TH ROW: T. Munger, M. Leise, J. Blowers, P. Hemminger, D. Reimers, M. Lomax. 2. "You aren't a bit funny," says Mr. Wojtkiewicz, as he tries to hold back a laugh. 3. Mrs. Cajka working to keep the office under control.

As years pass on and we move further and further away from our high school days, and memories begin to fade, we hope the Emerald will restore your memories.

The Emerald is our representation of the 1976-1977 Bergan High school year. We have gathered facts and statistics, and everlasting pictures to capture the excitement in each season of the school year.

I personally would like to thank many people who made the Emerald come to life. First of all the staff. They have put long hard hours in and have taken white empty pages and shaped them into pages of eternal memories. Second, is Mrs. Fernau, who holds us together and drives us to achieve the goals we have set. She devotes many hours outside class and outside school. Without her the Emerald would be non-existent.

There are several other people who contributed to the creation of the book of memories. Kevin Higley and Smiththorp Studio who helped us with our photography. Also some students outside of the staff have helped to sell advertisements.

My personal wish is that each of you may identify with, enjoy, and treasure the 1976-77 Emerald.

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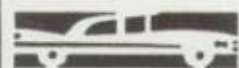
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